Strike Raises **Odds Against Budget Cuts** For France

By Barry James International Flerald Tribune

PARIS - French public-sector workers from street sweepers to airline pilots went on strike Tuesday in an outpouring of anger against government austerity policies as President Jacques Chirac tries to wrestle the country's finances into

The strike by 5 million state workers, which caused heavy disruption through-out the country, highlighted the narrow options the government faces as it attempts to prepare France for entry into Europe's single currency by the end of

The one-day strike was a response to the government's decision to freeze the salaries of state workers through 1996 as part of a strategy to reduce the budget deficit from 5 percent to 3 percent of gross domestic product in the next two years, a principal standard for joining the single currency.

A prominent labor leader, Nicole Notat, called the strike a "warning shot" to a government facing tough decisions in coming months on social welfare, pen-

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Commuting by bicycle in Paris on a day of strikes, a Frenchman maneuvered through traffic at the Arc de Triomphe.

As U.S. Stock Rally Fizzles, World Markets Quiver

By Mitchell Martin national Herald Tribune

Uncertainty about the U.S. economy is weighing on stock prices around the world his week as investors worry that a year of global gains in equities is finally coming to

The brunt of the pressure on markets everywhere was generated when U.S. technology companies began warning that their earnings in the coming months would not match the expectations of brokerage house analysts. Professional traders, sitting on considerable gains in many markets this year, have been quick to bail out and book their profits.

average fell more than 50 points in early trading Tuesday, before recovering to close 5.42 points lower, at 4,720.80. The Dow is down about 2 percent from its record of close of 4,801.80 set Sept. 14, but is still 23 percent above 3,834.44, where it began 1995. The American market's recent decline is

more a reflection of uncertainty about the economy than a signal that stocks are ready to tumble, said Alan Ackerman, market strategist at Fahnestock & Co. in New York.

"What we are seeing now," he said, "is a combination of October jitters, concern over Washington's leadership and real

In New York, the Dow Jones industrial questions about whether or not the economy is weaker than expected.'

The catalyst for the decline Tuesday was a warning late Monday by Motorola Inc., a maker of cellular telephones and computer chips, that its fourth-quarter earnings would reflect the effects of "slower economic expansion in selected businesses" in the United States.

Mr. Ackerman said the U.S. economy did not appear intrinsically weak, but there were questions over the determination of the government to cut the budget deficit and the emergence of a third major politi-cal party. Adding to market concerns, he noted, was the history of major declines in October 1987 and October 1989.

The malaise in Europe is more widespread, said Allison Southey, equity strategist at Nomura Research Institute in Lon-

"European stocks have got enough of their own problems, so each time the Dow takes a serious fall, it highlights them," she

On the Continent, she added, those problems include slow-growing economies that are constrained by intractable work forces, notably in France and Germany. _
"If you alter the dynamics of an economy and you can't shed your labor to compensate, you're going to have trouble," she

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Bosnians Stalling On Truce as Their **Army Gains Land**

UN Presses Muslims to Accede; Lights Go On in Sarajevo Again

By John Pomfret

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina -The Bosnian government was refusing Tuesday night to silence its guns and begin what could be the most significant cease-fire in this war because it claimed the Serbs were not supplying Sarajevo with enough

The real reason, however, appeared to be that Bosnian Muslim troops, backed by the Croatian Army, were again making biggains in northwestern Bosnia. UN officials and Western diplomats accused the Bosnian Muslims of stalling the cease-fire process to allow their army time to retake more territory to improve their position at peace talks scheduled for Oct. 31.

In Sarajevo, negotiations were continu-ing late into the night as UN officials and the U.S. ambassador to Bosnia, John Menzies, sought to persuade the Bosnians to stop the war.

The Bosnian claim about electricity supplies came in direct contradiction with an assessment of the UN mission here that Bosnian Serbian forces had fulfilled all the conditions for a truce, announced last week by President Bill Clinton.

The main condition was that the Serbs allow power, water and natural gas back into Sarajevo after a hiatus of five months. It marked the second time in two days that the Bosnians had put off the nationwide truce. It was initially scheduled to begin at 12:01 A.M. Tuesday.

"As far as we are concerned the utilities are restored," a UN spokeswoman said. "It is now up to the parties to stop fight-

Electricity was flowing back into Saraje-vo Tuesday night, turning the normally black Sarajevo skyline into a twinkling constellation of lights.

By opting for more war over what could be the beginning to the end of Europe's worst conflict since World War II, the Bosnian Muslim government raised doubts among Western European diplo-mats that it could become a trusted partner in the Oct. 31 peace negotiations, scheduled to be held in the United States.

It also prompted questions from the diplomats that the United States, which has become Bosnia's strongest Western backer, could "deliver" the Muslims at critical moments such as these.

This question is significant, the officials said, because in the event of a peace deal, the Clinton administration has committed itself to sending up to 25,000 U.S. soldiers, as part of a larger NATO-led force, to enforce the deal. That deployment would constitute NATO's biggest military action

"Yesterday was understandable because the gas hadn't arrived yet," said a senior Western European diplomat. "But today the Muslims just look like they want to fight on. They really have no excuse."

Natural gas supplies from Russia also began flowing into the city Tuesday.

The reason that the fighting will not be halted in Bosnia on Wednesday is because battles were raging in both northwest and northeast Bosnia, UN sources said, speak-

ing on condition of anonymity.

Bosnian Muslims and the Croatian Army took a strategic town on a highway linking the long-isolated Bihac region in northwestern Bosnia to central Bosnia. Mrkonic Grad, where Tito, Yugoslavia's dictator, survived a Nazi attack during World War II, was the last town on that key highway in Serbian hands.

"Our army has withdrawn from Mrkonjic Grad this morning after incessant bombardment and it was a ghost town until this afternoon when the regular Croatian Army entered it," a source close to the Bosnian Serbian command told Reuters in the Serb-held city of Banja Luka.

Bosnian Muslim troops have also relaunched an attack against Sanski Most, another important town in northwestern Bosnia. In mid-September, Muslim forces almost took Sanski Most, but were pushed back a little by a Bosnian Serb counterat-tack after the Muslims grabbed about 3,900 square kilometers (1,500 square miles) of territory from Serbs.

The Muslim army has appeared reinvig-orated over the last few days because the Croatian Army, which had suddenly stopped supporting the Muslim push, rened its support over the weekend. Croatian troops were seen pouring into the Bihac region and were also witnessed movg into central Bosnia, UN officials said. Battlefields in northeastern Bosnia were also active, UN officials said. Muslim forces were trying to take Mount Vis, a strategic hill that overlooks much of the

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UN Replaces Its Envoy

The UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, amounced Tuesday that he was replacing the top UN official in the former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi Mr. Akashi will be reassigned to UN headquarters in New York, effective Nov. 1, and replaced by the undersecretary-general for peacekeeping, Kofi Annan. (Page 8)

EU Commission To Dodge Fight On French Tests

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS — The European Union's executive commission has decided to avoid an open confrontation with France over its nuclear testing despite the clear opposition of most commissioners to the tests, officials said Tuesday.

The decision reflects a strong desire among commissioners not to overstep the agency's limited legal authority, especially

The French envoy to New Zealand says Greenpeace has lied. Page 4.

on a sensitive defense issue that even the most ardent supporters of European integration admit is still a matter for national governments.

"There are things the Commission can-not do politically," an official said. The position mirrors the caution of national capitals, most of which have criticized the tests in varying degrees while insisting that defense remains a sovereign

issue for themselves and for Paris. But the commission's stance was expected to provoke a new storm of outrage from the European Parliament, whose members

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Castro Seeks Visa For UN Festivities

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Fidel Castro of Cuba has applied for a U.S. visa to attend the 50th anniversary celebrations at the United Nations later this month, the State Department said Tuesday.

Asked whether the Cuban leader's application was expected to be accepted, a senior administration official said. "Yes," adding that the United States had "never turned down an application from a head of state" to visit the United Na-

A formal decision on the application was expected in the next few days, the official said. It would be the third time Mr. Castro has visited the United States for UN functions. The previous occasions were in 1960 and 1979.

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HEIR APPARENT — Kim Jong II, North Korea's leader, opening a new bridge in Pyongyang. Mr. Kim remains just shy of taking full power. Page 4.

This Accident Was No Accident, So Who Sabotaged U.S. Train?

By Brian Knowlton

WASHINGTON - It started out like many other of the 2,700 rail accidents that occur each year in the United States.

In the early hours of Monday morning, the westbound Sunset Limited, traveling through a remote stretch of Arizona desert with 228 passengers and a crew of 20 aboard, hit a section of loose track and derailed. Four of its 12 cars plunged from a narrow trestle to a dry streambed below. A sleeping-car attendant was killed and 83 people were injured.

Derailings are not uncommon. They account for 70 percent of American rail acci-But this was no accident, the police said,

and it was not the work of teenage vandals. The damaged track had been painstakingly sabotaged.

The heavy bolts that hold a 36-inch connecting bar to two pieces of 39-footlong rail had been pried out, allowing the track to part. So that the conductor, driving his train through the night at 50 uniles

(80 kilometers) an hour, would have no inkling of the trouble ahead, a wire was attached to the separated tracks to keep a red warning light from coming on.

And when surviving passengers - who waited hours for rescue, so remote was the accident scene - found two notes nearby that seemed to point to individuals or a group of the far right, any resemblance to a routine train wreck vanished. In Washington, President Bill Clinton

expressed his outrage and said he would be certain that "we will have the tools, the

means we need to keep the American people safe," By early Tuesday, the scene was swarming with investigators from a range of federal and local agencies: the FBI, the

Justice Department, the National Transportation Safety Board. Larry McCormick, an FBI agent, told

reporters at the scene of the crash that the bureau had launched what probably was its second biggest investigation ever, following the probe of the Oklahoma City

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When False Mystics Prey, Who're You Gonna Call? Guru Busters!

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

CALCUTTA - When Hindu believers flocked to temples across India and as far away as the United States in September to witness the "miracle" of religious idols that appeared to be drinking milk, it came as a clariou call to another group of Indians who have assigned themselves the quixotic mission of debunking false gurus, swamis, yogis and others claiming

mystical powers.
Since 1949, members of the Indian Science and Rationalists' Association have been exposing fraudulent "godmen" who whisk gold watches out of thin air. levitate, give off electric charges, and even claim to have conducted erudite discourses with tigers in the

The "gurn busters," as they have taken to calling themselves in recent years, include activists raised as

Hindus, Muslims and Christians and as members of other religious groups.

Most are now atheists and use their attacks on India's more egregious mystics as the spearhead of a broader assault on all religions. In the process, none are spared, not even Mother Teresa, the Roman Catholic nun who won the Nobel Peace Prize for her relief work in the slums that have made Calcutta a byword for urban misery.

"Mother Teresa has a clean image, and there is no doubt that she has helped the poor," said Debasis Bhattachariya, 28, a law clerk who has been a leading protagonist in the rationalists' campaigns.

But in the end, we believe that Mother Teresa is not at all any better than all the other godmen and godwomen because she helps to place a more kindly mask on the overall exploitation in our society," he

Similar arguments have been used against holy men

most vociferously by the country's Marxist parties... But none of the efforts have made more than minor inroads into Indian mysticism.

Although the rationalists say they have 86,000 members in 300 branches across India, nearly as many Indians can be seen at dawn each day dipping them-selves along the banks of the muddy, garbage-strewn Hooghly River, 2 branch of the Ganges that flows through the heart of Calcutta, in the belief that washing in the water cleanses the spirit.

The dippers include businessmen who are working to cut new deals for the foreign investment that many hope will help regenerate this degraded city, as well as lawyers, doctors and destitute mothers with their scrawny children who live in cardboard shelters under the arches of a nearby overpass.

Mixed in with them, and tossing marigold petals on the water, are sinewy mud wrestlers from a nearby

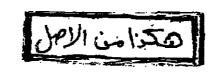
temple, who greet the rising sun with ancient rituals and bouts that fetch a few rupee notes from the day's contingent of tourists.

Lesser men might be discouraged by this evidence that India, perhaps more than any other nation, remains resistant to the appeal of rationalism. But Prabhir Ghosh, the rationalists' president, believes in tilting his lance at every form of what he calls "religious trickery.

"See what a fraud it is!" Mr. Ghosh exclaimed one evening as a large crowd pressed around him in the dimly lit concourse of Calcutta's Howrah railroad station.

in one hand, he held a statue of Ganesh, the Hindu god with an elephant's head and a rat for an attendant. In the other, he held a spoonful of milk to Ganesh's mouth. As the milk rose toward the idol's mouth, Mr.

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For Graf, a Different Set of Court Volleys

By Mary Williams Walsh Los Angeles Times

ERLIN — It started as a simple family scandal, albeit a big one: the volatile Svengali of a father allegedly scheming to evade the taxes on his daughter's hardwon millions and the clean-cut tennis idol daughter struggling tearfully to keep her game intact, even as

her creator was carted off to jail.

Now, though, the Steffi Graf affair seems to be blossoming into something more: "the biggest tax scandal ever in Germany involving a private in-dividual," said Dieter Puchta, a state legislator who is among a growing number of politicians calling for a public investigation of the case.

Not only are the names of Miss Graf and her father being splashed across the front pages of the German press these days. So, too, are the normally invisible denizens of the German tax bureaucracy, a state minister or two, the German Tennis Federation and such leading lights of the international private sector as Adidas, the German subsidiaries of General Motors and Citibank, the Italian pastamaker Barilla and a large Stuttgart dairy, Südmilch,

whose yogurt Graf promoted.
The affair exploded in May, when 15 investigators from the public prosecutor's office raided the family's estate in southern German, seizing documents and keys. Although tax investigations in Germany are normally kept secret, word leaked out that the officials believed Miss Graf's father, Peter Graf, had set up illegal tax shelters for his daughter's earnings, enabling him to conceal millions of dollars.

By August, Mr. Graf had been arrested and placed in a hospital-prison, where he continues to be held in "investigative custody" while prosecutors prepare their case against him. A problem drinker, he is said to be receiving liver and circumstants. culatory-system treatments.

He offered to post a \$10 million bond, but court officials refused, saying they believe he would flee Germany or destroy evidence if freed. In late September, the authorities took the Graf family's tax adviser into custody as well.

Through it all, Miss Graf, 26, has kept to her tennis. She won the U.S. Open in New York last

month but then broke down in tears in a post-match news conference, explaining that she was unable to visit her father in prison because she is considered a possible accomplice.

Miss Graf, who last week was questioned by the German authorities in connection with the case, has since returned to Germany and been granted permission to see her father.

OW, WITH calls mounting for open hearings and sanctions against the civil servants who may have led the Graf family astray — and with the grotesque relationship between a dominating father and an approval-starved daughter laid bare for all to see many fear that the pressure will prove too much and that the woman whom Germans routinely call "our Steffi" will retire.

"People don't blame Steffi Graf," said Mr. Puchta, chairman of the legislative finance committee for the state of Baden-Württemberg. "People say her father did it all for her."

Indeed, in prosperous, proper Germany, Mr. Graf, who once sold used cars to American soldiers, is far too much of a scrambler to fit in. As his daughter's earnings ballooned into the tens of millions of dollars — they are estimated to now total \$125 million — he hauled cash prizes away from tournaments in bulging grocery bags.
As the story has it, Peter Graf gave his daughter

her first sawed-off racket when she was 3. She won her first final when she was 6. He controlled her life completely. When she competed in the Summer Olympics in Seoul in 1988 and Barcelona in 1992, he wouldn't let her live in the Olympic villages, | where she might have met young people, but was made to stay with him at off-site hotels.

When at last Steffi Graf began to be seen with a male friend, the auto racer Michael Bartels, her father reportedly told a journalist: "This guy doesn't mean anything. I pay him, so that people won't think Steffi is a lesbian."

Asked today about this bizarre father-daughter relationship, the tennis star appears at a loss. "He is my father, and I will stand by him and always look at him as my father," she recently told the German news weekly Focus in a rare inter-

"In the future, I'll bear more responsibility and have to make more decisions," Miss Graf said. She



Steffi Graf, the world's top-ranked player, has kept to her tennis throughout the scandal.

said that until now, she had given her father complete control over her multimillion-dollar earnings and had no clear idea about where the money was, or even how much she had made.

"What else was I supposed to do when I was 15, 16 or 17 years old, besides trust my father and his advisers?" she asked. "And later, why should I do anything differently, when everything appeared to be running well? There was no sign for me that everything wasn't in order.''

Germans may be willing to accept her claims of innocence. But there is growing disgust here that apparently there were well-placed people who knew perfectly well what was going on - and they either looked the other way or abetted Peter Graf's

Records suggest that as early as 1985. Mr. Graf was searching for ways to decrease the 48 percent in taxes that the average German wage-earner pays to the state in one form or another.

That same year, the young men's tennis star Boris Becker — a Baden-Württemberg native —

abandoned his country, moving to the low-tax haven of Monaco.

Correspondence shows that a senior Adidas official suggested the following year that Mr. Graf solve his tax problems by moving to Switzerland. But Mr. Graf apparently decided, instead, to ask his home state officials what they might be willing to

Just what happened next is murky. Mr. Graf boasted to his Adidas friend that the state's premier had worked out a "political solution" for him.

which the former premier now denies.

The state sports minister at the time appears to have been more helpful. Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder, now the state's finance minister, is reported to have arranged a meeting between the unwilling taxpayer and the state's highest fiscal authorities.

Soon after, Mr. Graf opened letter-drop firms,

both called Sunpark, in the Netherlands and in the Dutch Antilles. German authorities now believe Sumpark's sole business was to secretly collect Miss Graf's earnings offshore so that they could be

hidden from the German tax office. It was to Sunpark that Mr. Graf wanted com-panies like Adidas, Barilla, Südmilch and the Gen-eral Motors and Citibank subsidiaries to send their payments for his daughter's product endorsements. Südmilch staffers who got stuck making the actual deliveries — sometimes in great wads of cash — were so struck with the weirdness of it all that they dubbed the Sunpark scheme "Operation Goldfin-

EANWHILE, Mr. Graf seems to have gotten the idea that his daughter no longer had to file tax returns. None were handed in from 1989 to 1992; instead, the Grafs paid an annual lump sum with no explanation of how they had arrived at the amount. When federal and local tax officials started to grumble, the family made a lump-sum tax payment of \$2.5 million - with no supporting documents to show how it had been calculated. Large though this amount may be, it is a fraction

of the amount Miss Graf owed. 'It appears that they've paid only 5 percent to 10 percent of their income," said Mr. Puchta, the state legislator, noting that a correct payment at Miss Graf's earnings bracket would have been 50 per-

None of this might have come to light had it not been for sports promoters in the western German city of Essen, who paid Miss Graf a "starter's fee" to appear in a tennis match. She was sick on the appointed day, but her father refused to send back

the money. The Essen organizers sued. The lawsuit itself was small potatoes. But the panel of judges hearing it noticed the irregular ways in which the Graf family was receiving its money and brought the matter to the public prosecutor's office. After years of neglect, someone finally decided to take on the Grafs.

Today, Mr. Puchta and other members of Baden-Württemberg's coalition government are eager to hold a formal investigation of the Graf affair, seeking to discover which public servants gave Mr. Graf the impression he could evade taxes and not be

punished. For now, the public prosecutor is known to be investigating only the Grafs and their advisers, not Baden-Württemberg's fiscal authorities.

COMING UP

Canada's health-care system was held up as a model during the debate over American health-care reform. Now, its financial health has deteriorated, and some doctors are taking



Palestinians celebrating beside Israeli soldiers in Salfit on Tuesday as the pullout began

Israel Begins Withdrawal **Hundreds of Palestinians Are Freed**

SALFIT, West Bank — Israel began its West Bank pullback and released hundreds of Palestinian prisoners Tuesday under a deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization, but some refused to go out of solidarity with those left be-

Israeli officials handed over a military occupation office to the PLO in the village of Salfit in a token first step toward the army's redeployment in the West Bank after 28 years of occupation.

"Today Salfit, tomorrow Jerusalem," proclaimed a jubilant banner hoisted in the village as Palestinians watched the departure of army trucks carrying equipment. The mood was a mix of defiance and joy. Hundreds of Palestinian teenagers chanted

"PLO, Israel No," an old battle cry against occupation, while others flashed V-for-victory signs and waved Palestinian flags.

"We have started a new chapter in history in Salfit," said Mayor Hassan Azir. "This is a new "During eight years of intifada we waited for this day when we will be rid of the soldiers," said

a villager named Latif as the handover took Under the accord, signed in Washington last mouth, Israel will pull its troops out of six West Bank cities and part of a seventh and transfer

civilian authority in 450 villages, towns and refugee camps to widen Palestinian self-rule. "I am happy the civil administration will leave Salfit on a one-way ticket," said Ahmed Fares, who signed on behalf of the Palestinian

Authority. "I hope it will be a step forward for the implementation" of the agreement. David Barel, who as deputy head of the civil administration in the West Bank signed for Israel, said: "It's the beginning of the redeployment of the civil administration in the West

Meanwhile, the army confirmed Tuesday that the army training base of Dotan near the West Bank town of Jenin was to be converted into headquarters for troops pulling out of Jenin.
Jenin is at the top of the army pullout plan, and soldiers are to leave the northern West Bank city

by Nov. 19. Troop withdrawal from five more towns is to

be completed by the end of the year, and redeployment in the seventh city, Hebron, is slated In Bethlehem, the town where the Bible says Jesus was born, troops hope to pull out before

Christmas and have the Palestinians organize this year's festivities, a senior Israeli official said. An Israeli police spokesman, Eric Bar-Chen. said that of more than 5,000 prisoners held by

Israel, 960 were being set free in a confidencebuilding measure as part of the deal signed last month expanding self-rule in the West Bank. A senior Palestinian official, Hisham Abde Razek, said the 500 prisoners scheduled for release Tuesday planned to stay behind bars to protest the continued detention of several wom-

en prisoners whom Israel refuses to release because they were convicted of murder.

But by Tuesday afternoon, some 200 of the prisoners had signed a nonviolence pledge and walked out of several prisons as relatives ul-

ulated and waved Palestinian flags. "We are starting a new stage. Our war with the Jews has ended," said Mohammed Jerar after he walked out of Nablus prison. He was just a few days short of completing a seven-year sentence for stabbing a suspected Palestinian informer.

Another freed prisoner, Sami Zahran, who had served three years of a seven-year term for weapons possession, said he would not honor the nonviolence pledge he had just signed.

'The occupation is still here, and we have to continue resistance until the establishment of a Palestinian state," he said. (Reuters, AP)

Lagos Pulls Its Airport Out of a Long Nosedive

By Stephen Buckley
Washington Post Service

LAGOS - On a busy evening at Murtala Muhammed Airport here, thousands of passengers fill the main terminal. They relax on benches, sip drinks at food stands or line up at airline counters. Around them, airport workers pace, an- economy and a dysfunctional swering passengers' questions and keeping lines moving. Security forces sweep over the facility, alert to those they deem

suspicious. This is the new Murtala Muhammed Airport, which once teemed with sellers and swindlers, money-changers and

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customer-unfriendly airports in the world.

as sub-Saharan Africa's most populous nation became an increasingly lawless society, made desperate by a shriveling military government.

Murtala Muhammed Air-

port's reputation for lax secu-Aviation Administration decertified the airport and prohibited flights from the United States to Lagos. The ban remains in

But after a concentrated effort to improve security, the airport is turning its reputation

"They have made significant progress, 'said a U.S. official in Lagos. 'It's a lot more custo come in with passengers any tomer-friendly. I've been to worse airports.'

Until recently the airport was, in the words of one of its An airport staffer with officials, "a free-for-all, an British Airways said that now,

panhandlers, earning a reputa-tion as one of the most chaotic, cranny of the facility. Sellers harassed potential customers. Touts — individuals offering

The airport became a symbol services to passengers — often of Nigeria's downward spiral, extorted bribes or robbed people in the airport. Drug runners brought in their goods and fre-quently smuggled them past a lax and often-corrupt security staff.

Taxi drivers virtually attacked arriving passengers. "There was no control," rity grew to such proportions said Bakare Isiaka, a taxi driver that in 1993 the U.S. Federal who has worked the airport for who has worked the airport for a decade. "People really could do whatever they wanted to do.

No one would stop them." Today the airport, clean and well-lighted, has a sense of calm and order unimaginable a few years ago.

"It is more businesslike now," said an official of KLM Airlines in Lagos.

more. It's a safer place, although people still have to be An airport staffer with

The security is much improved. plained. There is a sense that there are Among officials' first moves

was to restrict access to the air-Only passengers or "somebody with a specific purpose" can enter now.

Touts were outlawed, as were money-changers. Vendors are restricted to booths and

Staffers wear colored badges that restrict them to certain areas of the airport; few are allowed access to the entire fa-

Metal detectors and other security equipment are more sen-Undercover officers search

grounds are covered by hundreds of military policemen, airport policemen and local of-

Certain sections of the airport were closed. A terrace shoving for customers as much where passengers once watched planes take off and land was emment deserves credit. If they officials, "a free-for-all, an British Airways said that now, shut because "people were usopen market." Passengers and "If I was not wearing this ing that area for illicit activity."

"The main thing we have tried to do is to keep out people who don't have a reason to be at the airport," said Adomi Okotie, the airport's director of public affairs.

Officers at the airport's entrance appear to be diligent. Airport users without plane tickets face questioning from armed officers at each entrance.

While security has improved, the airport continues to struggle with mechanical safety issues. Equipment malfunctions and other problems among domestic carriers have led to at least five accidents in

the last six weeks. Mr. Isiaka, the taxi driver, said that the improvements so out drug traffickers. Airport far had not only made the airport a pleasant place to work but also had given him hope about other broken-down aspects of Nigerian society.

"People are not pushing and as before," he said. "The govcan do this, maybe someday they will fix the roads.'

ACCESS NUMBERS COUNTRIES

TRAVEL UPDATE

Phones in Netherlands Get 10-Digit Numbers

THE HAGUE (Bloomberg) - The Dutch telephone company changed several million telephone numbers in the Netherlands on Tuesday to increase the capacity of its telephone

From now on, every phone number in the country will consist of 10 digits. Numbers in Amsterdam, the Hague, Rotterdam and four other cities were changed earlier.

Some 6 million of the 7.6 million telephone users in the Netherlands received new numbers. The changes were announced early in 1993 and became effective Tuesday, the 10th day of the 10th month. PTT Telecom said it now expected its network to have sufficient capacity for the next 10 or 15 years.

Commercial flights between Turkey and were halted because of the dispute between said Tuesday.

Armenia and Azerbaijan over the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave. Turkey had closed the air corridor to Armenia in protest against an Armenian military drive that seized about 20 percent of Azerbaijan's territory.

Egypt is planning to turn the ancient city of Luxor into an archaeological reserve, funding it through an international appeal. Culture Minister Faruq Hosni said Tuesday. Luxor was the political and religious capital of Egypt during the Middle Kingdom and the New Empire. (AFP)

Security measures at Eldorado International Airport in Bogotá are not up to international standards, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation, which said travelers should be warned of the deficiency.

Vietnam expects at least 1.3 million foreign tourists to visit this year, a 30 percent increase over last year, when I million tourists visited, an Armenia have begun again two years after they official of the state-owned Vietnam Tourism Co.



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THE AMERICAS

Both Sides in the Quebec Game Play the American Card

By Charles Trueheart Washington Post Service

TORONTO - The United States is trying to steer clear of the acrimonious referendum campaign on Quebec's proposed secession from Canada. But that has not kept either side from playing the American card to its own advantage. drawing the United States into the fray against

Prime Minister Jean Chretien's strategy to beat back the separatist option in the Oct. 30 provincial vote has relied heavily on warnings that an independent Quebec would be cast adrift from Canada's vital economic relationship with the United States and its citizens punished in the process. Separatists scoff at the suggestion of economic quarantine. Both sides brandish reports and produce experts, often American ones. to bolster their claims.

Pro-unity forces recently seized on separatist assurances to voters that a sovereign Quebec would become a fourth member of the North American Free Trade Agreement. The federal finance minister, Paul Martin, bluntly called the

assumption "dangerously and fatally flawed" and laid out the obstacle course Quebec would have to hurdle to enjoy the advantages it would throw away by separating from Canada.

If separatists win enough votes Oct. 30 to force negotiations on a new union between Canada and Ouebec, Mr. Martin said, "Right from the beginning the Americans would be part of the equation." He added: "The United States would jump at this opportunity to reopen many of the key protections Canada fought hard to secure for

itself as well as for Quebec. Canada's ambassador in Washington, Raymond Chrétien, echoed the theme in a speech in Quebec last week, arguing that the current U.S. Congress is decidedly inhospitable to the special arrangements Canada enjoys under the trade agreement.

These attacks on the separatist message may have hit home in the province of 7 million mostly French-speaking Quebeckers, although no issue has dominated the campaign.

Preoccupied by their economic security and the painful costs of debt and deficit reduction, Quebeckers do not seem eager to start a new era of French-speaking nation-building, to say noth-

ing of a protracted battle to dissolve their flawed but familiar marriage to Canada. Only one opin- what Washington considered one 100 many ion poll gives the separatist option more than 40 claims to voters that membership in the trade percent of the vote.

Separatists have their own American angles. They seldom fail to point out that Quebec provided the political leadership that made the original 1989 U.S.-Canadian trade agreement possible. French-speaking Quebeckers regard themselves, with reason, as more pro-American than English Canadians.

The cultural and economic ties between Quebeckers and Americans, separatists argue, will transcend whatever unpleasantness might ensue from a secessionist victory, and buying and selling will resume.

"What possible interest could the United States have in tossing Quebec out of NAFTA?" said Joseph J. Jockel, professor of Canadian Studies at St. Lawrence University. "If Quebec were moving decisively toward independence, it would be very much in our interest to strike a deal with them, and to have Canada and Quebec

strike a deal with each other." The United States was drawn modestly into

agreement would be all but automatic, and sometimes hinting that U.S. officials had whispered as much to them.

The U.S. ambassador in Ottawa, James Blanchard, made news by saying that Quebec's accession to the trade agreement would be a dicey and difficult prospect. He repeated the warning last week in Montreal, with the referendum campaign in full swing.

"Every time he speaks he reminds them it won't be an easy game," said a Laval University historian. Louis Balthazar, "and that's an argument for the "No" side — those opposing separa-tion. Mr. Balthazar said he thought Mr. Blanchard was taking "a slightly more interventionist approach than his predecessors."

Staying out of the Quebec bramble has been a keystone of U.S. policy since the Ford administration, when the separatist Parti Québécois first took control of Quebec's provincial government and began planning the first, losing, referendum on "sovereignty-association" in 1980.

A Simpson TV Interview NBC to Show Live, One-Hour Talk

NEW YORK - After extended negotiations, O.J. Simpson has agreed to a live, onehour interview with NBC News with no promise of payment or other considerations, according to NBC executives.

The interview, Mr. Simpson's first since his acquittal last week on murder charges, will take place Wednesday night as-part of a three-hour NBC News special broadcast devoted to the aftermath of the Simpson ver-

NBC will broadcast the interview, to be conducted by Tom we don't benefit."

Brokaw and Katie Couric, in the second hour of the program. That hour is to be free of

commercials.
An NBC executive, who asked not to be identified, said that the network had proposed refraining from selling advertising during the Simpson interview to steer clear of any impression that the network would benefit financially from the interview.

Referring to the NBC president, Robert C. Wright, the executive said, "Bob's position was: 'We do a straight news interview. He doesn't benefit,

Prosecutor to Fight for Reform

LOS ANGELES — One week after openly displaying his anguish over O. J. Simpson's acquittal, one of the prosecutors, Chris Darden, said Tuesday that the biggest case of his career might be his last.

Mr. Darden -- the only black member of the team that prosecuted one of America's leading black sports heroes - says he plans to write a book, go on the lecture circuit and seek reforms in the U.S. justice system.

"There shouldn't be anything such as rich man's justice," Mr. Darden said, referring to how Mr. Simpson used his wealth to assemble a team of high-priced attorneys and evidence experts.

The 39-year-old prosecutor appeared badly shaken at a post-verdict press conference. But on Tuesday, he said: "I am not shell-shocked nor am I depressed. It's reality. What hap-pened, happened. The issue now is what does it mean and how do we heal from it."

POLITICAL NOTES

Elderly March Into Medicare War

WASHINGTON — After holding its fire all year, the nation's powerful seniors lobby is declaring war on the Republican plan to overhaul Medicare, heralding a hot fight over the future of the medical insurance program for Ameri-

ca's 37 million elderly.

In a nationwide advertising and mailing blitz that started Tuesday, the American Association of Retired Persons plans an all-out assault on the Republican plan to reduce Medicare spending by \$270 billion by the year 2002,

In addition to newspaper, radio and television ads, the high-profile drive also will feature mass mailings of "legislative alerts" to millions of its most active members.

"It will be war," another senior official said. The campaign makes the 30 million-member group the first major lobbying organization to openly fight congressional

Washington's Compromise Mood

WASHINGTON - After months of saber-rattling by Republican leaders and the White House alike, both sides have begun signaling that compromise is preferable to stalemate over the variety of budget cuts, Medicare and Medicaid

reforms and tax-cut issues pending in Congress.

But compromise will not be easy, and each side will have trouble making concessions without alienating important elements of their parties.

"If anyone tells you they know how this will play out, they don't know what they're talking about," said Richard E. May, a top aide to the House budget committee chairman, John R. Kasich, Republican of Ohio.

The House speaker, Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, already has had a series of conversations in recent weeks with President Bill Clinton and the White House chief of staff, Leon E. Panetta, "exploring the willingness on both sides to explore the conditions under which we could get to a successful conclusion," a senior administration official said,

The Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, said last week that while he has not spoken with Mr. Clinton about the looming budget showdown, "My view is that if there is going to be an agreement, it ought to be sooner

Gingrich Appeals for Compassion

LYNCHBURG, Virginia — In a speech to 8,000 religious leaders and students, the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, decried what he called the secularization of America and appealed to churches to reach out and help their neighbors.

But while calling for compassion, he simultaneously took
his characteristic jabs at his favorite targets: liberals, the news
media and those at elite universities. His call for compassion toward the disadvantaged was striking in that it is his very policies that many think will create a larger underclass.

"We have atrophied," he said at the Reverend Jerry Falwell's Liberty University here. "We have lost the reach. We have lost the responsibility. We say, 'That's government's

"I don't believe that," he went on, saying that citizens' responsibility for others did not end when they paid their

Ouote / Unquote

Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, announcing his decision not to run for re-election next year: "I wanted to make sure that I do not stay beyond the time that I can approach every day with the zest and enthusiasm that is necessary to do the job the people of Georgia deserve. There has been a habit in Washington of staying sometimes until you're called back by the Grim Voter or the Grim Reaper. I do not choose to do

Away From Politics

 The latest tropical storm to threaten the western Caribbean became a hurricane early Tuesday when its sustained winds increased to 75 miles per hour (120 kilometers per hour). The hurricane, called Roxanne, churned the waters off Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. It was the 17th named storm of the busy 1995 Atlantic hurricane season. The record for tropical storms and hurricanes in a season is 21, set in 1933.

• Customs officials charged a public school safety supervisor with smuggling nearly six pounds of cocaine into the United States. Heriberto Collazo, who works in New York City, was arrested in San Juan, Puerto Rico, when agents became suspicious because a computer he was carrying appeared to have been tampered with. Customs agents said they had found nearly six pounds of cocaine in the computer.

• A lieutenant colonel has been dishonorably discharged from the air force and sentenced to six months in federal prison for fondling an enlisted man's wife and for drunken driving. Colonel Raymond Kerr, former secu-



SAND-PLOWING — Sand left by last week's hurricane lining a street in Pensacola Beach, Florida, Plowing was necessary so residents could return to the area Tuesday.

Base in Florida, was convicted by a military panel of two counts of indecent assault and driving under the influence of alcohol. (AP)

• Endorsing a popular public health measure shadowed by lingering controversy, Gover-

to add fluoride to their drink-

rity chief at Patrick Air Force nor Pete Wilson of California and Administration. The signed into law a bill requiring drug, Ketoprofen, will be most California communities marketed under the name Actron by the aspirin-maker ing water. (LAT) Bayer. It is similar to others
• A drug for relief of head- on the market but will be useaches, body aches and arthri- ful for people who do not get adequate relief from those tis has been cleared for overthe-counter sale by the Food medications.

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Kim Jong Il Gets the Trappings but Not Yet the Crown

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
TOKYO — North Korea's unancinted leader, Kim Jong II, made a rare public appearance at a military parade Tuesday to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Communist state's ruling par-

Official media and the country's defense minister acclaimed Mr. Kim as the leader of his country's Communist Party, the state and the army, but there was no formal announcement that he had assumed either the party or state leadership posts.

Thunderous cheers of hurrah, rocked the square, thousands of air balloons soared and hundreds of firecrackers fizzled," when Mr.

Greenpeace Lies,

French Aide Says

Envoy to New Zealand

Assails Data on A-Tests

ambassador said Tuesday that accusations, saying France was

of Greenpeace "lies and mis- marginalize Greenpeace by tak-

Greenpeace later denied the

mistaken if it believed it could

ing some "cheap shots."
"It is not just Greenpeace

which has opposed these tests,

it is over 160 countries." said a

spokeswoman, Stephanie Mills. The major disinforma-

tion in the debate was the

French assertion that the tests

would assist the signing of anti-

forts against testing would be

better directed against real en-

vironmental threats such as

global warming and the green-

'None of our previous tests has done any harm," he said.

"Since the whole French na-

tional defense relies on the nu-

clear deterrence, why should

France renounce her nuclear

weapons in a world which will

remain a nuclear one for a long

"As long as large parts of

of criminals and madmen, the

In answer to questions, he

said it was not feasible to test in

He reiterated France's com-

would destroy buildings.

time?" he asked.

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"What has Greenpeace done against another nuclear power retain their nuclear weapons."

na has tested two nuclear de- France proper because tremors

publicly lying by saying it had mitment to halt testing after the hidden protesters at Mururoa in present series of tests, due to

Mr. Le Blanc said protest ef-

nuclear treaties, she added.

WELLINGTON — France's

New Zealand had been a victim

information" about French nu-

clear testing in the South Pa-

In a speech to the National

Press Club to help repair what

he called the crisis in Paris-

Wellington relations, the offi-

cial, Jacques Le Blanc, said

France was a "soft target" for

attacks from the environmental

cept lies and misinformation

propagated by Greenpeace

said. "They are good at big

issues and going for soft targets

designed to produce the maximum publicity instead of fo-cusing on the actual prob-

France has been denounced

by New Zealand and Green-

peace since the start last month

of up to eight underground nu-

clear tests on the South Pacific

which has never stopped test-

ing?" Mr. Le Blanc asked. Chi-

He accused Greenpeace of

vices this year.

about the French tests,"

'Some people prefer to ac-

Kim appeared on a balcony at the celebrations in central Pyongyang, the official press agency ister, Choe Kwang, Mr. Kim 'raised his hand to Kim Jong II had already taken over much of the KCNA process. KCNA reported.

The agency said that, in addition to the military parade, I million people took part in a rally at Kim Il Sung Square to mark the 50th anniversary of the North Korean Workers' Party, as the ruling party is formally known.

Monitors in South Korea said it was the first time since 1980 that North Korea had marked the party anniversary with a military parade, and that it indicated the North's need to maintain a "warlike mood" in the uncertainty after Kim II Sung's death last year.

The parade started with Kim Jong II receiving

return a salute to all the paraders," said the news agency, monitored in Tokyo. Mr. Kim remained silent during the proceed-

ings, it said.

Mr. Kim, 53, who is supreme commander of North Korea's 1.1-million-member military, has yet to be formally confirmed in the two key posts his father held — general secretary of the ruling party and state president.

Russia's Itar-Tass reported Monday that Mr. Kim would assume the post of Communist Party chief on the party's 50th anniversary. President Kim Il Sung groomed his eldest son

According to the agency report, Mr. Choe, the defense minister, said at the rally that, as long as Kim Jong II "leads the party and the army and the whole party, all the army and all the people remain united in one mind around the leader, we feel no fear of any formidable enemy and greater victory and glory are in store for our party, army and people." He added: "Our people's army will as ever remain unfailingly loyal to comrade Kim Jong II, the great leader of our party, state

day-to-day running of the isolated state in recent

BRIEFLYASIA

4 Muhajirs Shot in Police Custody

KARACHI, Pakistan — Four prominent militants accused of terrorism were shot and killed Tuesday while leading the police to a gang hideout in Karachi, the authorities said. The four included one of Pakistan's most wanted men, who is known as Fahim Commando. Police officers escorting the men were unhurt. It was the third time in two weeks that suspects have been killed while in police custody.

The men were killed in Karachi's central Nazimabad district by militants from the opposition Muhajir National Movement who were hiding in a house, officials said. But the Muhajir movement blamed the police for Tuesday's killings and called for a general strike in the southern province of Sindh on Thursday to protest what it called the cold-blooded police murder of four of its activists

Militant Muhajirs are involved in an increasingly violent struggle against the government, which they accuse of dis-crimination against Muhajirs, or Indian Muslims, who migrated to Pakistan after independence in 1947. (AP. Renters)

Bleak Outlook on AIDS in India

NEW DELHI — India will overtake Thailand and Burma as the AIDS capital of Asia by the end of the century, with between 4 million and 5 million cases, experts say.

A UN report said that by the year 2000, about 3,900 of every 100,000 Indian adults will be HIV-positive, while 820 in 100,000 adults will suffer from full-blown AIDS. This will compare with 1,170 HIV-positives and 460 AIDS cases per 100,000 Thais and 805 HIV-positives and 160 AIDS cases per 100,000 Rummese (AFP) per 100,000 Burmese.

Colombo Vows to Press War Gains

COLOMBO - The Sri Lankan Army chief said Tuesday that his troops would capitalize on recent gains in the coming weeks to capture the rebel-held northern Jaffna Peninsula.

"Nothing is going to stop us," Lieutenant General Gerry de Silva told reporters after addressing troops at the army's

47th anniversary celebrations in Colombo. The separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, who are fighting for a homeland for minority Tamils, concede they have lost 260 fighters since the government began Operation Thunder Strike on Oct. 1.

Another Shock Jolts Indonesia

SUNGAIPENUH, Indonesia - Dispirited survivors ran aimlessly and wailed hysterically after a magnitude-i predawn aftershock Tuesday jolted the remote Indonesian region that was devastated by an earthquake last week.

It was the 12th aftershock since the area was hit by a earthquake Saturday that killed at least 100 people, injured 1,700 and damaged or destroyed 10,000 homes. (AP)

Fijian Party Criticizes Indians

SUVA, Fiji — Fiji's governing party used Independence Day to deepen the nation's bitter racial divide by calling ethnic Indians untrustworthy and accusing them of being

ready to wreck the economy to gain political control.

In an extraordinary attack, the indigenous Fijian Political
Party said Tuesday that Indians — first brought to Fiji as indentured laborers more than 100 years ago by British colonists — were disloyal and arrogant and lacked muc commitment to their adopted country.

For the Record

Floods in central Vietnam have inundated the ancient city of Hue and killed at least one person, bringing the toll of dead or missing to more than 100, the Vietnam News Agency reported Tuesday.

VOICES From Asia

President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan in a speech carried live on state-funded television: "The most important precon-dition for Chinese reunification is totally dependent on the Chinese Communist authorities' respect for the Republic of China's democratic system.'

Foreign Minister Ali Alatas of Indonesia: "Recent developments in the South China Sea seem to indicate that controversies and tensions over the conflicting territorial and jurisdictional claims continue to arise and draw our at-

TAIPEI — President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan called on China's leaders Tuesday to re-

spect Taipei's democratic sys-tem and respond to the desire for democracy among their own population.
"The most important pre-

Lee Urges

Mainland

To Respect

Democracy

condition for Chinese reunification is totally dependent on the Chinese Communist authorities' respect for the Republic of China's democratic system," Mr. Lee said in a keynote speech to mark Taiwan's national day.

"China has to recognize that it cannot resist the trend of freedom and democracy," added Mr. Lee, speaking to top military and government figures and ambassadors here.

Speaking of reunification, he said "it totally depends on China's Communist authorities making a sincere response to the desire for democracy from

1.2 billion Chinese people." Although Mr. Lee has said that democracy in China was a precondition for reunification, the emphasis he gave it on Tuesday elevated it to a po-sition of paramount impor-

Taiwan and China split in 1949 when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's defeated Nationalist armies fled to refuge on Taiwan. Both governments say they want to reunify but

Mr. Lee, president since 1988, has won plaudits from the West for democratic reforms due to culminate here in March next year with this island's first

direct presidential election. Mr. Lee's comments seemed likely to further strain relations with China. Ties soured when Beijing assailed Mr. Lee's trip to the United States in June.

Taiwan's National Day commemorates the 1911 revolution that led to the overthrow of the Manchu Ching Dynasty and the Republic of China under Sun Yat-sen.

Taipei sees itself as the legitimate heir to that republic, which included all of mainland China plus independent Mongolia. It has renounced a claim to administrative sovereignty over these lands but retains a hazily defined territorial claim. In a parade before the presidential palace, about 250,000

lowed by folk artists and dancing aborigines in tribal cos-Thousands of students lined

soldiers and veterans from

World War II passed by, fol-

up in a mile-long phalanx which, from the air, described the characters for 'Long Live the Republic of China.' Since most governments rec-

ognize Beijing, not Taipei, only 15 nations were represented at the celebration — a reminder of Taiwan's diplomatic isolation. Mr. Lee's comments on democracy followed criticism

of China on Monday as the biggest barrier to reunifying this island with the mainland. He added that Beijing has not cast off an "ideological co-coon" of self-centeredness. (Reuters, AP)

Beijing Warns Patten Not To Make 'Trouble'

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING — China urged Governor Chris Patten of Hong Kong on Tuesday to avoid "creating further trouble" in his annual policy address and instead to focus on ensuring a smooth transition of sovereignty.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Chen Jian, when asked for an assessment of Mr. Patten's record as governor of the British colony over the past three years, said China's position on his actions and their consequences

were "very clear."
"China has always been opposed to the so-called policy reform carried out by Governor Chris Patten," Mr. Chen said.

He added that he hoped Mr. Patten's address to the Hong Kong Legislative Council on Wednesday would "benefit a smooth transition of Hong Kong instead of creating further trou-

Mr. Patten infuriated China in 1992 in his first policy address by announcing plans for democratic change in Hong

The reforms, which prompted a sharp decline in British-Chinese relations, were in place for last month's legislative elections, the last such polls before the colony reverts to Chinese rule in 1997.

China has pledged to replace the Legislative Council in 1997 and hold new elections on its

Beijing refuses to deal with Mr. Patten and China's growing influence in the colony threatens to undercut the governor.

Mr. Chen said, however, that he was "not aware" of any request by Foreign Minister Qian Qichen during a visit to Britain last week for Mr. Patten to be recalled in the interests of a smooth transfer.

Military Spending Up in Asia

LONDON - Leading Asian countries are boosting military expenditure at a time when nations in other regions are cutting theirs, according to an international study released Tues-

The London-based International Institute of Strategic Studies, in its annual report, "The Military Balance," said the growing economic power of the Asian region — rather than a dangerous arms race fueled by mistrust — had led many countries to bolster their militaries.

"It would be incorrect to see in these inorese with Portuguese citizen- creasing levels of defense expenditure an arms ship must apply to Portugal for race threatening regional stability," the report

"In several cases, strong and sustained economic performances have allowed for increased investment in nonoffensive defense and secu-

' it added

defense budgets by 6 percent to 7 percent this year, compared with 1994. Sri Lanka and Burma. both fighting insurgents, planned even bigger

The report said that in East Asia, including China, Japan, the Philippines and North and South Korea, military spending increased by about 9 percent in real terms from 1992 to.

"With the possible exception of Russia, Japan now spends appreciably more on defense than any other country apart from the U.S.," the

The study cast doubt on official Chinese figures for military spending and said the country's huge armed forces had been extensively modemized thanks to the strengthening economy. with sharply increased military spending since

India and Pakistan, regional rivals who are at military expenditure exceeded \$28 billion in The London institute estimated that Chinese odds over the Kashmir region, increased their 1994, nearly four times the official figure.



Seoul Rejects Japan's View of 1910 Annexation as Legal

Tuesday rejected remarks by Prime Minister Tomiichi marks. Murayama of Japan that the 1910 treaty that brought

about Japan's annexation of Korea had been legal. "The government has made it clear time and again that the Korea-Japan annexation treaty was enforced was null and void," a South Korean Foreign Ministry

Agence France-Presse

The main opposition National Conference for New SEOUL — The South Korean government on Politics also urged Mr. Murayama to retract the reto world peace," she said.

hearing that Japan denied that it coerced Korea into signing the reary," a conference spokeswoman said.

"Japan should reflect on the past and apologize in But he recalled that Tokyo had repeat on the Korean people against their will, so the treaty order to eliminate any worries the world might have pressed "deep remorse and regret" over the fact that

that the country, which hopes to become a permanent Japan caused "unbearable pain and sorrow" to Ko-

member of the United Nations Security Council, may reans during the occupation, from 1910 to 1945.

In response to a question in the Japanese Parliament "We cannot restrain our shock and sadness after on Monday, Mr. Murayama said that the treaty had been concluded and carried out following proper But he recalled that Tokyo had repeatedly ex-

Indonesia recently lodged an

refugee status.
"We can't have phony cam-

paigns about refugee status for

people who enjoy the citizen-ship of Portugal," he said.

sia's claim to East Timor, an-

nexed from Portugal in 1976, but the United Nations still re-

gards Portugal as the admin-

Though the government

has taken the view that East

Timor is part of Indonesia, is a

province of Indonesia, those people still have Portuguese citizenship and status," Mr. Keat-

ing said. "These people have dual citizenship, therefore they cannot argue that they are

refugees."

The government's stand

hypocrisy from its political op-

has been hypocritical and in-

consistent in its attitude to East

Timor." said the opposition

foreign affairs spokesman,

Foreign Minister Gareth

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Australia Bars Asylum for East Timor Refugees

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CANBERRA — Protecting Paul Keating said, dismissing ship with you across the board,

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he said in a radio interview. Prime Minister Keating, who out granting political asylum to paign."

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it's often argued that the people there would have voted for indonesia," Mr. Keating said. "It

are considering appeals for po-litical asylum by about 50 East "Had it gone to a free vote, Timorese, some of whom have reported being tortured by Indonesian troops. official complaint after Australia granted temporary asy-

lum to 18 East Timorese who arrived by boat in May. But Mr. Keating said East Timorese had no right to

Australia was not prepared to cause we don't like all the that there was popular support free vote."

sacrifice its vital relationship things that are going on in Tim- in the eastern half of Timor The Australian authorities



CAMBODIAN CATCH -- Fishermen pulling up a net Tuesday where the Mekong and Tonle Sap rivers meet in Phnom Penh. October is traditionally the best month for fishing, as water levels fall after the rainy season.

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribuni

LONDON — Trying to rally his beleaguered troops, the Conservative Party chairman, Brian defection of Alan Howarth, a former government Mawhinney, used the opening day of the party's minister, to Labor's ranks. annual convention Tuesday to tout the oldest vote-getter of them all: the promise to put more money into the voters' pockets.

"Our instinct, our goal is to reduce tax," said Mr. Mawhinney. "It always has been and it

always will be — so watch this space."
While Prime Minister John Major led the party faithful at the conference in Blackpool in a rousing round of applause for that pledge, doubts remained over the ability of the Tories to buy their way out of what looks to be an increasingly

The Tories trail the opposition Labor Party by

By Mary Blume

humor of a student protest.

Might Have Rained."

"And Worse, It

Many people simply stayed and a medal.

grade (77 Farenheit). Parisians behind windshield wipers.

It didn't. The thermometer

also reached 25 degrees centi-

walking to work for lack of

public transport slowed from a surposeful stride to a stroll as

the sun struck their backs. Bi-

cycles were brought out, and quivering roller blades.

at home and took the day off.

though the strike was on behalf

naires, or public-sector workers

when faced across a tax col-

lector's desk or a post office

window - it was said to be

The support was not only be-

cause of the unaccustomed

benevolence caused by an In-

dian summer, but also because

many people fear that the govemment-imposed wage freeze

against which the fonction-

naires were protesting might, if

private companies: the thin end

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of France's 5 million fonction- didn't.

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30 points in the public-opinion polls. Even the nation's new lottery, funds that the gov-That fact was driven home by the weekend

With Mr. Howarth now loudly proclaiming that the Conservatives have ceased to be a "caring" party, the task before a government determined on the one hand to cut taxes and on the other to come up with spending cuts to pay for them, has taken on Herculean dimensions. Evidence of the tensions that struggle has unleashed came Monday night with a letter leaked to the Treasury from the national heritage minister, Virginia Bottomley.

In her letter she mounted a scathing attack on Treasury proposals to partly replace government funding of the arts with money channeled from they would gouge the poor to finance tax cuts for from promising.

worse, after 16 years in power, the sound of emment previously had pledged never to subdissension within the party is louder than ever. stitute for its own spending. Mrs. Bottomley branded the proposal "the clearest possible bro-

ken promise. Mr. Major himself called Monday for a "ruthless" quest for savings and spending cuts. In his traditional conference eve speech to party agents, he insisted that the task before govemment now was one of setting priorities. Education, he promised, "would be No. 1 on that

In contrast, he pointed to Britain's £90 billion (\$135 billion) social security budget as ripe for cuts. More specifically he noted that welfare payments now cost every jobholder £15 a day. With Mr. Howarth having thrown the Con-servatives onto the defensive by asserting that

the rich, even predictable pledges to root out fraud in the welfare system now encounter difficult political going.

Having raised taxes, frozen public employee

pay and squeezed budgets for two years, there is little money around to finance the expected £3 billion in tax cuts. That was illustrated this week when the Treasury hinted that it was weighing the levying of a tax on severance payments. At present, the first £30,000 of those payments are free of tax. In its lead editorial on Tuesday the Evening Standard called it the "unkindest cut of all," and "a stupid plan from bureaucrats who

have never lived in the real world." With its recovery now stuck in low gear and tax revenues falling well short of forecasts, the economic backdrop for the general election that must come by the spring of 1997 is looking far

nancial irregularities and of as-

Mr. Previti, together with Mr.

(Reuters, AFP)

Berlusconi's younger brother

Paolo, is suspected of having

EU Is Urged to Work With Islam

STRASBOURG—President Roman Herzog of Germany urged the European Union on Tuesday to help bring stability to Islamic countries through a strategy of mutual un-

"Questionable as the scenario of a 'clash of civilizations' may be. Europe, in its relationship with Islam, will have to mobilize all its integrative strength." he said in a speech to the European Parliament.

He said Europe would be judged by the international community on how well it coped with security problems in the Mediterranean region and that it should not abandon its strategy of close cooperation. "Defensive Euro-centrism would be a trap of our own making," he said. (Reuters)

Summer Smog Blanketed the EU

BRUSSELS - Hot and sunny weather in Western Europe between May and August triggered spells of "summer smogs" from ozone pollution that exceeded EU limits more than 3.500 times, the European Commission said Tuesday.

When ground-level ozone pollution goes above acceptable EU levels, authorities are required to issue warnings that are important to groups such as the elderly warnings. important to groups such as the elderly, young children or people with respiratory problems.

A total of 466 sites throughout the Union reported "potentially harmful levels of this particularly aggressive polaccording to Ritt Bjerregaard, the EU environment commissioner. A commission statement noted various EU initiatives to cut ozone pollution, including measures to reduce vehicle emissions.

Turkey Vows to Improve on Rights

ANKARA -- Prime Minister Tansu Ciller pledged Tuesday to take the necessary steps to achieve a customs union with the European Union.

In a speech to Parliament introducing the goals of her new minority government, Mrs. Ciller cited the lifting of a law that limits freedom of expression as one of her government's

Turkey expects to start the customs union trade liber-alization agreement with the Union at the end of the year. The European Parliament has threatened to veto the deal unless Turkey improves its democratic record.

UIster Hopes to Lure Business

LONDON --- Potential entrepreneurs who fled Northern Ireland are being offered money to return and set up shop. The British government said Tuesday it would provide up to £40,000 (\$65,000) for each new small business founded

and £4,000 for each employee hired as part of the plan.

An estimated 200,000 people, many of them university graduates, have left Northern Ireland since violence between Protestants and Catholics erupted in the late 1960s. The government believes many who went into business elsewhere

European Union events scheduled for Wednesday: STRASBOURG: European Commission weekly meeting. The agenda includes French nuclear tests, banana talks, liberalization of cable teleshopping networks, a European

employment strategy, and the textile sector. STRASBOURG: Plenary session of the European Parliament. Debate on French nuclear tests scheduled for late afternoon, with a response from the European Commission

BRUSSELS: "Euroaid 95" conference on the opportunities offered to enterprises by European and other world-



president, Jacques Santer.

wide programs to aid development.

Sources: Agence Europe, AFP

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A BOOKED SEAT IN FRANKFURT — A visitor at Austria's pavilion at the International Frankfurt Book Fair before the official opening Tuesday. During the fair, which ends Monday, 300,000 books will be displayed.

Ex-Judge Alleges Betrayal by Berlusconi

holidays, a bonus for 20 years suffered a political blow Tues-The strike struck in unexpect-Hitchhikers held up a page ed ways. While traffic snarls day when the former graft-bust-

from a popular morning newspaper saying. "Stop! I Need a town, at the usually nightmarish cused him of betraying voters.

The assault by the popular town as the usually nightmarish cused him of betraying voters. many Paris children and no park- taxis awaiting clients during the ing tickets for their parents. Al- morning rush hour. Some people got mail, others Although there were no garbage pickups, a tiny bright green collection truck rolled

jauntily along, joy-riding perhaps. The meteorologists were supported by 57 percent of the on strike but the pleasant word over the telephone weather service was continued warm. Two young pedestrians asked the way to the Musée d'Orsay and were told it was see the difference between the closed to the public because of

the strike. 'We know, we work there,' one of them answered. They successful, also be applied by had never before gone to work except by Metro and now were about to have their first aboveground approach, via the lovely and dappled quais on the Left

The police are not allowed to

strike but had invented their

own means of protest, tucking

what looked like parking tickets

They turned out to be list of

police grievances: night pay of

5.08 francs (about \$1) an hour

and 4.85 francs for Sundays and

of service of only 100 francs

curity and benefits of public Bank. As a reporter announced on the television news, Paris on a strike day, c'est si joli.

ROME — Silvio Berlusconi. the conservative media magnate, election the new government suffered a political blow Tues- would have pursued only the

weekend said that he had backed the businessman and his Forza Italia Party in last year's election, could have a significant impact on the former prime minister's standing.

"If Berlusconi really wants to know, I'm not sure yet who to vote for at the next election," Mr. Di Pietro wrote in a letter published in La Repubblica. But I do know who I won't be voting for if I continue to fail to party and the company."

Mr. Berlusconi drew Mr. Di

Pietro's fire for accusing his old colleagues on Milan's "Clean Hands'' team of magistrates of pursuing the tactics of a "police state" by seeking to have him tried for alleged corruption in his Fininvest business empire.

In his letter to La Repubblica, Mr. Di Pietro said Mr. Berlusconi had to let justice run its course like any other citizen.

"I feel betrayed," he wrote. run for office in a general elec-believed that after the 1994 tion expected to take place in He was also accused of fi-"I believed that after the 1994

The assault by the popular anymore," he continued, "and I tomatic choice of the Freedom Mr. Di Pietro, who over the also think that many Forza Italia voters share my convictions."

Mr. Di Pietro spearheaded the judicial assault on political graft that toppled Italy's old governing guard in the 1994 election. He quit the "Clean Hands"

pool in December, shortly after Mr. Berlusconi came under official investigation. Wooed across the political

spectrum, he would enjoy

would have pursued only the general interests of the country."

Mr. Di Pietro's criticism fusciating with the Milanese who eled doubts that Mr. Berlusconi, are under investigation by the who resigned as prime minister

Milan team of "Clean Hands" I'm not so sure of that in December, would be the au- judges Alliance parties.

Meanwhile, legal sources said Tuesday that a preliminary leaked details to the press over investigation had opened in- the former judge's behavior. volving Cesare Previti, a former defense minister, over the resignation of Mr. Di Pietro.

Mr. Previti is a close associate of Mr. Berlusconi's and one of the leaders of Forza Italia.

Mr. Di Pietro resigned in December for a variety of reasons, widespread support if he were to including attacks on his work as

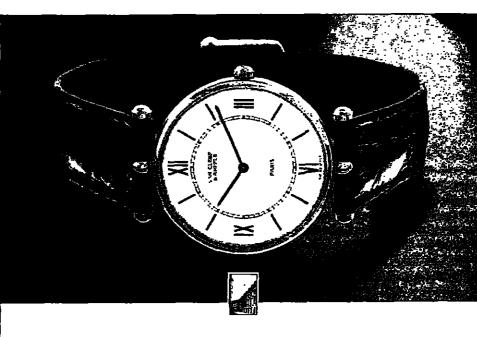
Dini Lays Out Reforms For Italian Government

presidential type of republic. repeated government crises to have plagued postwar Italy.

ical and institutional reforms to WASHINGTON — Prime make the government more ef-Minister Lamberto Dini of Italy fective, Mr. Dini also called for said Tuesday that he would like a no-confidence vote mechato strengthen the power of his nism based on the German office, making Italy more like a model in order to prevent the repeated government crises that

> 'Such reforms taken together would bring a significant im-provement in the way the government works in Italy," he told reporters after a speech to the Council of Foreign Rela-

> The prime minister also called for increased government power to regulate, and he proposed boosting regional autonomy substantially.



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FRANCE: 5 Million Government Workers Join Strike Over Wage Freeze

Continued from Page 1

sions, health insurance and privatization of state-owned com-

Marc Blondel, leader of Force Ouvrière, France's main non-Communist union, warned that "the government must learn the lesson of this day of action, otherwise we will con-

The stability of the government was further placed in doubt by the growing possibility that Prime Minister Alain Juppe may be forced to resign on a corruption charge. A tax-payers' association is seeking to have Mr. Juppé prosecuted for leasing an apartment from the city of Paris at a modest rent when he was in charge of the city's finances and for having the dwelling refurbished at lav-

ish public expense.
The prosecution is expected to decide this week whether to take the case to court, and the Justice minister, Jacques Toubon, reaffirmed last week that any minister facing a criminal charge would be expected to step down.

The effect of the "Black Tuesday" walkout, the biggest civil service stoppage in almost a decade, was uneven.

Huge traffic jams built up on the access roads to major cities because suburban train services single currency. The German fiwere stopped or much reduced, nance minister, Theo Waigel, yet outside the rush hours trafhe was often lighter than usual. The few Metro trains that ran on 6 of the 15 lines in Paris were

often curiously empty. Only a handful of buses ran operated transportation system ran normally. In Lille, strikers rode to demonstrations on the automatic, driverless subway Traffic jams up to 14 kilome-

ters (9 miles) long radiated out from Paris as commuters switched to cars or walked to work in choking exhaust fumes. Health authorities said pollu-tion hit record levels in Paris because unusually warm weather trapped exhaust fumes from the extra traffic.

Main railway services continued to operate on a reduced scale, including three out of four high-speed trains and seven out of 10 cross-Channel trains. Schools and universities closed for the day and hospitals reduced nonemergency ser-

In southern France, air-traffic controllers unexpectedly joined the strike, forcing the closure of five airports and flight disruptions across the country. Most flights operated with delays.

President Chirac, who was on an official visit to Madrid, declined to comment on the strike but said he was convinced without the slightest reservation" that France would meet the conditions for joining the said in a newspaper interview that he believed France was de-

termined to meet the target. The strike reflected deepening disillusion with Mr. Chirac, who argued during his election in the capital, but in France's campaign that pay increases

second city, Lyon, the privately were not incompatible with the workers their secure jobs, earlineed to reduce high unemploy- er retirement and other benement. But in August, Mr. Juppé announced the pay freeze for public sector workers. In addition to the freeze,

> ters who have railed against the "privileges" of public workers.
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> The public workers, many of whom are modestly paid, believe they are being made the scapegoats for France's budget deficit and are determined to hang on to their acquired bene-

> fits, not the least of which is job But this could disappear for many if the government sells public companies into the pri-vate sector. Under European Union pressure, the govern-ment must open several sectors to privatization or greater com-petition, including telecommunications, gas, electricity,

postal and transport services.

fits. Although some state workers make no more than 8,000 to 9,000 francs (\$1,600 to \$1,800) a month, the government statistiunions were angered by miniscal service estimates that salaries in the public sector have increased 11 percent since 1989, compared with 6 percent in the

Nonetheless, a poll published by the newspaper Le Parisien showed that 57 percent of the public supported the strike call, and Mr. Blondel said unrest could spread to other sectors. Accusing the government of "driving into a wall," he said, There will be reactions from all sides, not only from salaried workers.

Unions said more than 70 percent of public workers heeded the strike call and noted that some, such as policemen, were French citizens envy the state forbidden by law from striking

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Dollar and Deficits

For the United States, the exchange rate of the dollar is a genuine dilemma. The finance ministers of the seven big industrial countries, meeting in Washington over the weekend, applauded the U.S. Treasury's recent success in raising the exchange rate. They hinted that a further rise would be even better. It would help to stave off some of the dangers that worry them. But the higher dollar, especially against the Japanese yen, unavoidably aggravates a different kind of danger. A higher dollar means a

larger trade deficit for the United States.
America's trade deficit this year will probably be the largest ever run by it or any other country, and next year's will be still larger. Among other unhealthy effects, this gross disproportion between imports and exports generates public resentment of foreign competitors, begin-ning with Japan. That feeds anti-trade politics and protectionism.

The Treasury has had powerful reasons to try to raise the dollar despite these risks. The Japanese economy is in serious trouble, and the unprecedentedly high exchange rate of the yen was strangling Japanese exports. For a time last spring and summer it looked as though the high yen could lead to a major economic breakdown there.

Aside from the Japanese crisis, the Treasury also has to worry about the

American economy. The United States is living on an immense flow of investment capital from abroad, without which it would go into shock. A sinking currency frightens foreign investors away. To keep that flow coming. America needs to counteract any sudden and unpredictable drops in the dollar's exchange rate. like the one last spring, and reassure the investors that their money is safe.

That is the dilemma. To avoid an immediate breakdown, the United States is deliberately incurring a huge trade deficit that represents a peril for the future. That point is made by the economist William R. Cline in a study published by the Institute for International Economics. He calculates that the dollar is now significantly overvalued in relation to the yen - which is good for Japanese exports to America but bad for American exports to Japan.

He also argues, correctly, that the only way out of this dilemma is to cut the federal budget deficit. It is the budget deficit that creates the voracious need for foreign investment capital.

That is the link between the two deficits. As long as the United States runs big budget deficits financed by foreign borrowing, it will continue to need exchange rates that, unfortunately, produce big trade deficits.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Ex-Generals on the March in Russia and America

FRANKFURT — Riddle put by American think tank strategist to Russian policy analyst over steins of German beer: What connects O. J. Simpson to Alexander Lebed, the mud-on-the-boots, straitlaced general who wants to succeed Boris Yeltsin as president of Russia?

Answer, offered after blank stares from the Russian: Colin Powell,

Well, said the American, the Simpson verdict may propel General Powell toward the presidency by making Americans yearn for a healer — a leader who can calm in-flamed race relations. And if General Poweli were to sweep Republican primaries next spring and seem headed for victory, Russian voters would then feel more inclined to vote for a career military man in their own presidential election next June.

Here the Russian nodded agreement. That's a three-cushion long shot. But the fact that both America and Russia are momentarily captivated by retired commanding generals is a remarkable by-product of the end of the Cold War.

Bigger riddle: How do two men who have never won an election lead the politicians in opinion polls in the world's two

By Jim Hoagland

plicity. They may no longer reflexively fear turning civilian government over to military men. Retired generals become icons of predictability to societies shaken

by the demands of global transition.
General Powell and General Lebed project incorruptibility to two societies that have come to doubt the morality and honesty of their political leaders. The message coming out of the early polls in America and Russia is: Fix it, General, while we get on with our work and our lives.

General Lebed, a professed admirer of Chile's Augusto Pinochet, is not nearly as intellectually minded or as politically skilled as General Powell. The Russian won national fame by defending Mr.
Yeltsin in the August 1991 coup attempt
and by commanding the 14th Russian
Army in Moldavia with a concern for his troops and a personal probity said to be unusual for Soviet generals.

General Lebed, head of the newly formed Congress of Russian Communities party, is not the only political general that President Yeltsin has to worry about.

insider's count. The 450-member chamber will be elected on Dec. 17.

Most of the generals, who will stay on active duty while campaigning, have signed up in districts with large military bases. Democracy could wind up giving the ex-Red Army great influence on

Moscow's politics. That is far from certain. Russian analysts say General Lebed has not shown political flair. And the other military men are not running in an organized political movement but as individuals.

Whether it is General Lebed or not, something has galvanized Mr. Yeltsin into launching a political comeback. Left for dead by supporters and foes alike after the debacle of Chechnya, the 64-year-old president returned to Moscow from a Black Sea vacation last month in outwardly good health and ready to tackle the parliamentary election and an Oct. 23 summit with President Bill Clinton in New York, Rus-

sian and diplomatic sources report.

A problem drinker, Mr. Yeltsin has not touched a drop of alcohol in a month, according to these reports. And he has begun to reach out to potential political allies or rivals he previously ignored or most powerful republics?

Post-Cold War voters seem to yearn for the military virtues of order and sim
Some 120 senior officers on the Russian disdained. An unpublicized hourlong meeting at the Kremlin with Grigori Yavlinsky, the declared presidential can-

didate of the reformist Yabloko bloc, was his first move in this direction.

Mr. Yeltsin will make up his mind about running for a second term only after looking at the outcome of the Dec. 17 parliamentary elections. A strong Lebed showing could rattle him into pulling out. A fragmented outcome would encourage him to stand above the parties and seek reelection as a unifier.

His summit with Mr. Clinton will also

play a role. Mr. Yeltsin has not decided whether he will run (if he runs) as the experienced international leader able to deal with the Americans or as the offended and angry nationalist fed up with being mistreated by the perfidious Yankees. The summit should point the way. Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev has urged both Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Clinton to

use the Oct. 23 encounter to limit the damage that domestic politics in simultaneous election years could do to Russian-American relations.

The challenge of the generals will focus both presidents on sorting out their competing and complementary political needs. It could also make them yearn for the days when presidents and Politburo leaders had only the generals on the other

The Washington Post.

A Debt to Hondurans

In July the Honduran government filed charges against 10 active and retired military officers, among them seven colonels, accused of attempted murder and the illegal detention of six Honduran citizens. The soldiers were part of the notorious Battalion 316, a unit which the CIA financed and trained in the early 1980s. Honduran investigators believe that Battalion 316 was responsible for the disappearance of 140 people whose bodies have never been found. If the trial opens as expected this fall, Honduras will become the first Latin American nation to try a group of powerful, active-duty military officers for human rights violations against their own people.

The armed forces, now led by the general who once commanded Battalion 316, responded by sending tanks into the street as a show of muscle. Potential witnesses and government officials pushing the investigation have been threatened.

Both to give a signal to the military and to provide evidence for the trial, Washington should provide any secret reports that CIA and U.S. Embassy officials sent back to Washington about Battalion 316's crimes. Although the first request to the United States for declassification was made nearly two years ago, Washington has so far provided only four heavily cen-

Clinton administration officials say that a special declassification effort has now been approved to speed the flow of information to Honduras. It will handle both State Department and CIA materials on Battalion 316, as well as on other matters under investigation in Honduras. The work must commence as quick-

government wide access to materials. Credit for the trial goes to some courageous and determined Honduran government officials, among them President Carlos Roberto Reina, Special Prosecutor for Human Rights Sonia Dubon de Flores and Human Rights Ombudsman Leo Valladares. Since taking office in early 1994, Mr. Reina has ended the abusive forced recruitment of soldiers and begun to remove various police agencies from military control. Mr. Valladares, who cheerfully admits that he was appointed ombudsman in 1992 because he was expected to make no waves, began to investigate Battalion 316 after one of its members came forward to confess his involvement in murders.

Battalion 316 grew out of the billiondollar collaboration between the Reagan administration and the Honduran military in the early 1980s to support wars in Nicaragua and El Salvador. Its purpose was ostensibly to catch Hondurans running guns to Salvadoran guerrillas. But the Valladares report, released in 1993, found that Battalion 316 became a death squad that tortured and killed peaceful leftists.

Mr. Valladares's findings are now widely confirmed. Some of the battalion's members have provided detailed accounts of murder and torture. The Baltimore Sun won deciassification of some U.S. : erament documents showing that officials in Washington knew of the killings and disappearances but misled Congress.

Considering the sordid history of Bat-talion 316 and other secret U.S. operations in Honduras, releasing the documents as quickly as possible is the least the U.S. government can do.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

America Has a Race Crisis That Americans Have to Discuss

WASHINGTON — I made a vow to myself that I was not going to write about the O. J. Simpson verdict, clearly the most overanalyzed event of the year. But that was before I read and heard a ton of commentaries blaming the decision on "affirmative action, the racial spoils system, the cult of diversity" and other unlikely suspects, or suggesting that the jury system was so flawed that America ought to scrap it at least in big cities populated by blacks.

Some very important distinctions are being lost. To my mind, this case should cause very little anxiety about the courts and the law and a great deal of concern about the condition of American society.

There are at least three big gaps in the logic that leads some to conclude that blacks will not convict a prominent black defendant. First, and most obvious, there is the abundant evidence that black jurors routinely do convict black defendants and send them off to prison.

Visit Superior Court in Washington any day and you can see the process in operation. And not just nobodies. The mayor of Washington, Marion Barry, was convicted in a drug case by a D.C. jury. The

TEW YORK — Louis Far-

words. He spoke them at Howard

Representatives of the Nation

FERUSALEM — After the signing of the Israeli-Pales-

tinian agreement, it is high time

to renew and advance the stalled

The prospects for Washing-ton being able to help achieve

this goal within the next several

months seem fairly promising.
The peace formula is known:

Golan Heights and southern

Lebanon in return for diplomatic

and economic relations, open

borders and effective security ar-

rangements. But the two parties

apparently (but not yet officially)

ready to withdraw to the pre-

1948 international boundary, but

Syria demands the pre-1967 line,

which lies west of the interna-

tional boundary and includes

small, strategically important ter-

ritories. Having been seized by Syrian forces during the 1948 war and after the 1949 armistice

agreement, these territories con-

sist of the slope of the River

Banyas (the main tributary of the

Jordan), certain positions on the

eastern bank of Lake Tiberias,

and the Hamat-Gader area, the

meeting point of the Syrian-Is-

meli-Jordanian borders.

• The Israeli government is

still disagree on major issues:

withdrawal from the

the remaining differences.

University last year.

Taknan, nead of the Nation of

By David S. Broder

Charles Diggs, was convicted by a D.C. jury a few years ago. Another black con-gressman, Mel Reynolds, was convicted by a Chicago jury just last month.

Second, as every lawyer knows, the case that the Simpson jury heard was not the case the television viewers saw. The television audience saw and heard arguments and evidence that were properly excluded from the jury's consideration. But television viewers also saw less, because they were absorbing the testimony while going through their daily routine, not focusing solely on the evidence.

Third, suppose that the Simpson jury had split on racial lines, with the nine black jurors favoring acquittal and the two whites and one Latino insisting that he was guilty. The result would have been a misracial loyalties overrode everything else in the jury room.

But those who assert that this jury was in

asked of the jurors after reading their verdict: "So say you one? So say you all?"

Think what those eight words mean. Individually and collectively, these 12 Americans were confirming the judgment they had reached after months of listening to complex, emotionally wrenching tes-timony. Their ability to reach across their individual differences and pronounce a verdict that, one and all, they could endorse should be seen not as an indictment of the jury system but as its vindication.

That is all the more true given what we know about the racially polarized public reaction to the case. The Simpson trial has demonstrated - once again, as if it were needed - how separate are the lives and how different the reactions of black and white Americans. That separation, which has only worsened since the Kerner Comtrial, and observers would be claiming that mission decried the "two nations" almost 30 years ago, is America's real crisis, not some supposed flaw in the jury system.
In the last few days, The Washington

the grip of racial "groupthink" ignore the Post has been publishing polls dramatizing fact that this was a unanimous verdict, the gulf in perceptions on a wide range of dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, quickly and, from all appearances, easily subjects. Whites predominantly and mis-

reached by a racially mixed jury. I was struck by the ritual question the court clerk parity with whites in income, jobs, edparity with whites in income, jobs, education, housing and other measures of well-being. As a consequence, few whites but most blacks believe that racial discrimination is a continuing problem. The gap is so wide, said Robert J. Blendon, the Harvard professor who analyzed the poll. that "blacks and whites may as well be on two different planets."

The danger in that situation cannot be reduced without honestly confronting it. nor will it be helped by an inherently exclusionary march of a million black men in Washington on Monday. Now is the time, while the Simpson case is still echoing, for President Bill Clinton to take the lead in organizing a public dialogue among Americans of different races about where

we are and where we are going.

The television and press, which gave so much attention to the trial, ought to make comparable time available for this conversation. Of course it is risky for leaders to step forward. But the president could do no greater service to the nation than convening 9 the first such group and inviting the nation to join in, while there is still time.

ly as possible and give the Honduran

Nunn Will Be Missed

Sam Nunn's decision not to run for reelection is a disappointment for President Bill Clinton and his dwindling Democratic allies in Congress. But it is an even greater blow to the cause of bipartisanship on a host of tough foreign policy and defense issues, where Mr. Nunn wielded great influence by listening, asking questions and mastering his brief. We did not always agree with his positions, but his departure will diminish the cause of reasoned discourse in Washington.

When he was elected to the Senate in 1972, little about Mr. Nunn's career as a Georgia state legislator suggested that he would become a major force on Capitol Hill. His great-uncle, Representative Carl Vinson, and another Georgian, Senator Richard Russell, were known for their expertise and influence on military matters. If anything, Mr. Nunn exceeded their example. But he made his mark not because his colleagues could predict his views, but because they knew that he would arrive at them after careful study.

As a member and later chairman of the Armed Services Committee until the Republican sweep of 1992, Mr. Nunn championed generous financial support of the armed forces, but opposed casually sending them into combat. He supported the Reagan-era military buildup and warned more recently against financing domestic programs through defense cuts.

He consistently, and wisely, questioned the use of American force in

Although it was anticipated, Senator Bosnia, Haiti, Somalia and other places of unrest, and asserted the right of Congress to approve in advance the use of American combat troops overseas. Most famously, he opposed the war against Iraq, in part because he knew that General Colin Powell and other military leaders were among those urging that sanctions be exhausted first.

At pivotal moments, Mr. Nunn challenged Republican policies on defense matters, playing an important role in supporting the cause of arms control. He blocked President Ronald Reagan's attempt, for example, to reinterpret the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with the Soviet Union and embark on his ill-conceived "star wars" defense system.

Despite his challenges to the Republicans, Mr. Nunn never fulfilled the hopes of centrist Democrats that he would run for president himself. His prospects were hampered by a parochial record on social issues, placing him out of step with the more liberal blocs in his party. His most significant failure in re-cent years was his stubborn opposition to President Clinton's decision to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. At a time of polarization in Congress,

Mr. Nunn seemed increasingly out of step searching for the middle ground. But he leaves a legacy of unusual accomplishment and independence that will be missed in the sullen discord of today's Washington.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Look Who Isn't Standing Back From Farrakhan's Big March By A. M. Rosenthal

liver," he writes in "My Amer- believe Mr. Farrakhan. I was con-Islam, invited Colin Powell to atican Journey." "I pulled up something from the marrow of tend the demonstration in Washington he plans for next week. my beliefs as a black living in a General Powell had a fine answer white-majority society."

And he said it: "African-Ameravailable, for himself and all African-Americans - his own

icans have come too far and we have too far yet to go to take a detour into the swamp of harred." On Sunday, Mr. Farrakhan said

of Islam had appeared at Howard, a black university, spewing de-General Powell had told him he was thinking over the invitation to nunciations of Jews. He says he thought about that as he prepared see if he had time. On the basis of his commencement address. "I that part of the Powell memoirs, and my respect for him, I did not knew the message I had to de-

fident that General Powell would tell the man leading blacks into that swamp that he would not march with him ever, even if his schedule were open as the prairie. But Mr. Farrakhan was telling

the truth. When I called the Powell office Monday afternoon, a spokeswoman said that on Friday the general had indeed told Mr. Farrakhan that he had to consult his schedule. And Monday morning, she said, he sent Mr. Farrakhan a fax saying that he would be out of

town for the demonstration, but he keeps threatening all blacks, men, supported its "purpose" -out specifying what it was.

That is a disappointing reply, from any leader. It tells African-Americans that if they can find the time, there's nothing wrong with joining the protest to support its "purpose." But there is. Purpose? Like every dema-

gogue, Mr. Farrakhan presents a list of shiny "purposes" as among his objectives — selfhelp, respect, training, jobs, bringing a "community" togeth-er and making it powerful. That was part of Hitler's message. Sorry, Adolf, it happens I won't be in Munich for your march, but I support the purpose?
White supremacists mouth

those "purposes" as they throw filth at blacks. What would we say of whites who joined demonstrations of the Fuhrmans of America, announcing that they supported their "purpose"?
To march with Louis Farrakhan

in Washington is to strengthen a man who leads a crusade against whites and for resegregation, to march with his goon squads, to march with anti-Semites - to march straight into that swamp of hatred that General Powell warned against at Howard.

It is condescending to say that those who will march do not know what he stands for in addition to those noble "purposes." They know.

Every demonstrator hurts African-Americans who have dared oppose him and face down

his goons and threats. Washington for black unity, he

Even as he calls black men to

women, children. African-Amer icans who do not boycott work, school, shopping, the stage or playing field will be considered as renegade and white.

For any African-American who marches to say he is in support of Mr. Farrakhan's "purposes" but not of his messages of harred is a deliberate suspension of moral and political standards, a synonym for hypocrisy. For politicians like Jesse Jackson or Al Sharpton, or writers like Cornel West, to speak from his rostrum will be to spit in the eye of Americans who believe in racial and religious conciliation. For Maya Angelou to be a token female in a demonstration that bars women will be embar-

rassingly obsequious. At least let such celebrities spare us any blather of racial harmony. They have chosen the lead-er of their parade; let them be faithful to him.

Michael Meyers, executive director of the New York Civil Rights Coalition, an African-American under constant attack from Farrakhan clones, puts it straight: "Hatred has gone main-stream." Jewish organizations that keep cowed silence — unlike the Anti-Defamation League - are

disgustingly craven.

General Powell writes that his Howard speech got a lot of media attention because denouncing race hatred, from wherever it came, was apparently a welcome message. It is. Let's hope and ask that he return to it soon and plain, as on page 597 of his autobiography. and with constancy and purpose. The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Papal Vigor ROME - The United States

Minister at Vienna was received in audience by Pope Leo XIII to-day [Oct. 10]. During the interview. His Holiness heartily congratulated the Minister upon the complete freedom enjoyed by the Roman Catholics in the United States. The Pope also inquired concerning the health of the President of the United States, of whom he spoke in very sympa-thetic terms. The American Minister carried away with him an excellent impression of the Pope's health and mental vigor.

1920: Chimes of Yore

PARIS - Belgium, for centuries before the devastating war, was sweetly famed for her chimes. Alas! those historic ones of Ypres, which Longfellow celebrated, will be heard no more. The making of chime-bells is an art that was carried to a high per-

fection in the Middle Ages. It would hardly be possible in this period of the decay of handicraft to manufacture a chime of bells approaching in quality of timbre and precision of tone to that which formerly swung in the tower of the Cloth-House at Ypres.

1945: Spain to Vote MADRID - The Franco Cabinet

has set the date for the first municipal elections to be held in Spain since the Spanish Civil War. The decision to hold municipal elections is a partial move loward democratic procedures in Spain. However, only one-third of the municipal councillors are to be elected, with the other twothirds chosen by General Franco. Madrid newspapers today headlined that "major political lib-erties for Spaniards" were under study by the Cabinet, but the Foreign Minister told reporters that steps in this direction would be taken without hurrying.



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 Syria insists that Israel should withdraw to that line within one year, and only then would diplomatic relations be established, whereas Israel offers a phased withdrawal over a three-year period and demands diplomatic relations after the

first phase of the pullback. · Jerusalem insists that the security arrangements should include Israeli warning stations on the Golan and on Mount Hermon, whereas Damascus suggests instead aerial surveillance By Moshe Ma'oz

Toward an Israel-Syria Settlement

foreign party" (the United States?). This difference has been Syrian-Israeli peace negotia-tions, but with a more active the major reason for the stalemate American role aimed at bridging in negotiations since July. The United States has both a

strategic interest and a political capability to revive and further the peace process between Da-mascus and Jerusalem. Apart from presenting its own blueprint for a peace settlement,

Washington could help each party with its essential needs or benefits from this settlement. It could acknowledge Syria's strategic interests in Lebanon and erase its name from the U.S. blacklist of countries supporting

terrorism, thus helping Syria at-

tract more foreign investment in order to develop its economy.

And America could continue to help Israel maintain its strategic-military edge in the region to compensate for loss of the Golan and to deter future hostile regimes, in Syria or elsewhere. from attacking the Jewish state. To be sure, Ba'athist Syria has not essentially changed its

hostile ideological attitude toward Israel and continues to increase its military arsenal, which includes ballistic missiles and chemical warheads. Damascus also maintains its strategic alliance with Tehran, which has endeavored to develop a nuclear capability while opposing the Arab-Israeli peace process. But President Hafez Assad

has for the last 22 years accepted the principle of a political settlement, albeit on his own terms. In late 1973 he accepted UN Resolution 338, which called for peace with Israel in return for the territories occupied by Israel in June 1967. And since 1988 he has given priority to a political solution rather than a military over the Golan by a "friendly one, owing to Syria's strategic Herald Tribune.

constraints and economic difficulties and to the crucial change in Soviet policy (even before the collapse of the U.S.S.R.).

And for the last three years following the election of Yitzhak Rabin as Israel's prime minister with a new, flexible policy regarding Syria and the Golan, Mr. Assad has been ready to sign a full peace agree-ment with Israel provided it withdraws from the entire Golan Heights and southern Lebanon.

If a political settlement is not reached, Syria is likely to sustain its ideological motivation and its military preparation to fight Is-rael over the Golan, and to en-hance the bloody war of attrition by Hezbollah in southern Lebanon. And while strengthening its alliance with Iran, it will try to sabotage Israel's rapprochement with the Palestinians and with

other Arab nations. But a peace accord, despite its shortcomings, might further reduce Damascus's militant intentions, weaken its military links with Tehran and expand its economic development. An accord would also entail

peaceful relations between Lebanon and Israel, foster Palestinian-Israeli peacemaking and encourage more Arab nations to establish normal relations with the Jewish state. In short, peace between Syria and Israel is likely in many re-

spects to advance the end of the

long and bitter Arab-Israeli con-

flict and open a new era of sta-bility in the Middle East. The writer is director of the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University. Jerusalem, and author of "Syria and Israel: From War to Peace-making." He contributed this comment to the International

OPINION/LETTERS

Americans Revere Pope But Ignore His Teachings

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

WASHINGTON — It seemed there stands for something, even if it for years that the zenith of is disagreeable; and it is apparently papal stardom had been reached three decades ago when the popular John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council and initiated the so-called aggiornumento (updat-ing) of the Roman Catholic Church.

And he remains a great favorite.

But he has a serious rival in John Paul II, who came to the throne of St. Peter from Poland and, unlike the stay-at-home John XXIII, has become a globe-trotter drawing worshipful multitudes on every con-tinent. His delirious reception in New York and Baltimore suggests that he may be the most widely esteemed figure, lay or clerical, in the world today.

And that is something of a mystery — not least because religion soes not enjoy high priority in some enlightened circles today.

His American visits, moreover, seem only to deepen the paradox. They are marked by complaints from the Catholic laity (or significant parts of it) that the Pope presides over a patriarchal institution, shackled by dogmas of clerical celibacy and by its adamant opposition to the ordination of women. who play increasingly large pastoral roles nonetheless.

The church that John Paul II dominates is further said to be out of step with the Catholic masses in America, who cheerfully ignore its stern teachings on contraception, abortion and divorce - and sometimes on other social issues as well.

How does one explain the popularity of a Pope who pointedly and persistently tells his flock what they don't especially want to hear?

In America, so Tocqueville observed a century and a half ago, denominational and doctrinal differences tend to lose their sharp edges and saliency in the easy sociability of a frontier society.

Americans are no longer a frontier society, but the traditional American style of religious belief remains subjectivist and individualistic. It is part of the tradition of easy religious pluralism to live in a state of tension --to believe that nominal church affiliation, Sunday churchgoing, social contact, goodwill and good deeds count as much as belief. The spirit,

not the dogma, is the measure. Nonetheless, it also appears that most members of the Pope's audience are glad that someone out

reassuring to them that amid the shifting sands of modernity and easy morals there is one figure who has stern views on personal behavior and states them frequently and without equivocation.

Part of it, probably, is that John Paul II fills a sensed vacuum. You need only watch political candidates

John Paul's firmness, not so much his message, is admired.

sliding and slithering in pursuit of high office, blurring and even repudiating long-held views, to see that our would-be leaders take accommodativeness very far. The essence is catering, if not outright

pandering. I suspect that this ultra-accommodativeness is psychologically wrong, that even as we create a political environment that rewards mushy, pandering views, we feel contempt for those who prosper in it. People find in John Paul II views that are as firm, consistent and philosophically coherent as his spirit is sunny and generous, something they miss in secular leaders.

As I watched John Paul II at work, I was reminded of an observation that James Reston of The New York Times made at the time of Winston Churchill's death in 1965. In President Lyndon Johnson's Washington of that period, the buzzword was "consensus," implying that a political leader's duty was to seek compromise and dull the edges of disagreement.

Mr. Reston correctly noted that Churchill had been anything but a 'consensus'' politician - more often he was a maverick at odds with his party, condemned by conventional opinion as a troublemaker of eccentric and provocative views. Yet this very quality loomed in retrospect as an essential part of what placed him, at his death, among the transcendent leaders of this or any century.

As with Churchill then, so with

John Paul II 30 years later? Perhaps the Pope has reminded us of the qualities of character and conviction that stir our souls.

Washington Post Writers Group.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

East Was West

I am appalled by William Pfaff's article ("NATO Expansion Eastward Is Wrong," Sept. 28) charac-terizing the eastward expansion plans as a hypocritical fraud.

It should be remembered that the

former kingdoms of Bohemia, Hungary and Poland — with their historical contribution to western Christianity, the Renaissance and the Reformation - belong to the core of Europe. They didn't choose to become Soviet satellites but fell under Russian domination due to President Franklin Roosevelt's naiveté and weakness in dealing with Stalin at Yalta.

The proper sphere of Russian interests is limited to those neighboring nations whose people embrace the Eastern Orthodox Church, such as the Serbs or Romanians.

The Russians have nothing to fear from NATO's expansion to include nations with which they don't share a common border. ERVIN Y. GALANTAY.

Lausanne, Switzerland

Concealed Inflation

Regarding "Simply Shave the Consumer Price Index and We Saye Billions" (Opinion, Sept. 29) by Daniel Patrick Movnihan:

With all due respect to Senator Movnihan's sociological opinions, he is way off the mark in economics by declaring that the Consumer Price Index always overstates the rise in the cost of living. Anyone who keeps a record of household expenses knows that the reverse is true.

The prices of many items of daily life not included in the "market hasket" have risen over the past 25 vears much faster than the Consumer Price Index. They include toothpaste and most other items of hygiene, haircuts, newspapers,

books, all repair work and many other services.

In addition, there is the hidden inflation of declining quality. A garment may cost the same, or only a little more, yet fabric and finishing have sharply declined in quality. Housing is built more shoddily and with less space. Restaurants heat up precooked food in microwave ovens. Public infrastructure deteriorates.

Thus the true rate of inflation, considering both price and quality, for the average middle-income house-hold is probably several times higher than the Consumer Price Index.

Inflation is a hidden tax on the consumer, poorly understood by most. Cutting the indexing of Social Security payments by 1 percent is clever legerdemain to shift some of the inflation tax to the Social Security beneficiaries. It may fool some of the people some of the time. RAINER ESSLEN.

Avignon, France.

Video on Muslims in U.K. Packs Them In in Jakarta

By Margot Cohen

TAKARTA — The Indonesian Koran to a computer screen bearing Jeconomics student Budi Irawan

could hardly believe his eyes. On a glowing video screen, he watched young men in V-neck sweaters and white trousers enjoy a leisurely game of cricket. They were Muslims, just like him. At play, work and prayer, a whole commu-

MEANWHILE

nity of Muslims appeared relaxed and productive in their British surroundings. 'Islam is not under pressure

there," marveled the 19-year-old student. "It can develop freely." As fears rise over persecution of Muslim minorities and doomsday theories about an inevitable confrontation between Islam and the West flourish, this 15-minute video produced by the British government provides a welcome tonic.

The video is part of a traveling exhibition called "Muslims in Britain," which highlights the daily life of some 1.5 million adherents of the faith.

The exhibition opened in Saudi Arabia in January, moving on to Egypt and Pakistan. Now it has reached Indonesia - home to the world's largest Muslim population — in time to join the Istiqlal Festival, a colossal display of Islamic arts and culture that will be open to the public until mid-November.

'We are very aware that there is a real misperception of the West's attitude toward Islam," says John Virgoe, information officer at the British Embassy in Jakarta. There's a tendency to focus on individual issues such as Salman Rushdie and Bosnia.'

British authorities, of course, would like to minimize the impact of the Rushdie affair and focus on strengthening commercial and political ties with the Islamic world.

They have come to the right place. "Muslims in Britain" is likey to gain more exposure in Indonesia than anywhere else. With an Islamic revival under way in this multiethnic nation, the crowds flocking to the Istiqlal Festival this year should easily surpass the 6 million mark reached in 1991. Weekends, the festival is jammed with visitors from all corners of the archipelago.

Many attractions compete for attention, from ancient pages of the the sacred verses. A bazaar offers Muslim banking services, Muslim fashions, Muslim insurance policies, Muslim childrens' books and even Muslim soap (which must be without perfume).

Given this comucopia, why are Indonesians also making a beeline for the British display?

For one thing, it provides a solid measure of reassurance. In Indonesia, as elsewhere in the Islamic world, the Bosnia crisis has fanned anxiety that Muslim minorities are destined to suffer worldwide. Recent outbreaks of violence against Muslims in the majority Catholic province of East Timor, annexed by Indonesia from Portugal in 1976, have brought these fears closer to home. So viewers warm to the notion that the British government and people welcome their 2 percent Muslim population, most of whose

members are under 25.

The development of a large Muslim community in Britain can enrich and enhance the quality of British life," reads a placard in the display sent out from London. Reallife portraits of Muslim businessmen, musicians, journalists and others in Britain flesh out the rhetoric.

The exhibition also contradicts the image conveyed by foreign movies and television shows that Westerners are a godless, promiscuous bunch.

"Everything overseas usually seems so vulgar," said 24-year-old Nona Tanamal, a Garuda airlines office worker. "It turns out that they do know how to balance their social life with religious teachings."

Most important, the exhibition

encourages Indonesian Muslims to reaffirm their own commitment to religious tolerance and mutual respect. With an Islamic revival on display to the world, they cannot aspire to anything less.

The writer, a journalist based in Jakarta, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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BOOKS

PORTRAIT OF PICASSO AS A YOUNG MAN:

An Interpretive Biography By Norman Mailer. 400 pages. \$35. Atlantic Monthly Press.

TT'S EASY to understand Lwhy Norman Mailer would Picasso. The painter, after all, role model for Mailer, something that helps explain much of what is wrong with this hamhanded, derivative and highly

were never as grandiose as Picasso's; he simply aspired to "alter the nerves and marrow of a nation." while the painter actually wanted to shatter and re-

chameleons throughout their multitude of artistic styles with fluency and case.

Both have made very public inventories of their psyches, us- piously from earlier books, ing their own obsessions as a kind of index to a tumultuous that he can cheerfully pillage.

world, even as they've dramatized themselves as outlaws. offering the possibility of ex- and

with violence, machismo and the baffling otherness of women have been very much the same. In fact, when Mailer described himself in "The Armies of the Night" as "warrior, presumptive general, champion of obscenity, embattled aging enfant terrible," he might well have been describing Picasso. The problem with writing

about Picasso is that so much has already been said about his life and work. Not only does his work constitute a kind of continuing diary, but a host of memoirs and biographies have also filled out the record, most notably John Richardson's superb 1991 "A Life of Picasso, Vol. I'' (Random House), which covers much of the same period analyzed by Mailer in Portrait of Picasso as a Young Man." As he did in his recent book about the Kennedy assascareer, shrugging on and off a sination ("Oswald's Tale: An American Mystery"). Mailer tries to cope with this huge preexisting record by quoting cotreating them as source material

He draws heavily from the And both have enshrined art as first mistress, Fernande Olivier however, is not its awkward asa magical, shamanistic force, ("Picasso and His Friends" "Souvenirs Intimes"). orcism and transformation. from Jaime Sabartes's "Picas-Even their preoccupation so, an Intimate Portrait," from

The resulting book is less a real biography than an assemblage of other people's words. glued together with Mailer's own musings and speculation. Mailer tries to argue that this approach provides a sort of Cubist portrait of Picasso (allowing the reader to view "him and his work from many an angle"), but the product is less a post-modernist collage than an old-fashioned cut-and-paste

Mailer's narrative is entirely devoid of original scholarship. It spends vast amounts of space recapitulating highly familiar developments (Picasso's impoverished days as a struggling artist in Paris, his chaotic pursuit of women, etc.). And it frequently echoes the ideas and assessments of earlier writers.

What happens when Mailer attempts to be more original? Sometimes the result is an awkward reach for relevance: in one chapter, he compares the love affair of Picasso and Fernande Olivier to "those marijuana romances of the 50s and 60s in America where lovers found ultimates in a one-night stand, and on occasion stayed together."

What is most disturbing memoirs written by Picasso's about "Portrait of Picasso, sessment of Picasso's work, but its even more awkward attempt to promote the notion that art redeems, that the cruelties and Arianna Stassinopoulos Huff- sins of a great artist can be raington's "Picasso: Creator and tionalized, excused or glossed Destroyer" and from Richard- over. Mailer does not equate violence and creativity as passionately as he did years ago in "The White Negro," but he's still eager to hail Picasso as a "primitive hunter and a medicine who bravely defied so-

cietal and esthetic conventions. He writes of Picasso's experiments during the Blue Period and Cubism as though they were life-risking dares, but shrugs off the artist's failure to enlist during World War I. Picasso's callous disregard for Fernande Olivier's illness (in all likelihood, venereal disease contracted from him) is similarly discounted with the observation that an artist, like "a consecrated athlete," cannot afford to be distracted from his work.

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to Diagram

By Michiko Kakutani

want to write a biography of can be seen as a kind of artistic subjective new biography. True, Mailer's ambitions

make all of reality. Nor can the two men's careers really be compared in terms of magnirude, resonance or scope. Still, both evince remarkably similiar aesthetics and remarkably similar approaches to their work. Both have been

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STOP ACHOG NOW', by Jean Carpet

at a prison camp run by Bosnian Serbs described on Tuesday watching two fellow inmates die 21, 1992. Prosecutors allege that in the summer

after being beaten by guards there.
The witness, Ibro Osmanovic, 30, described hearing the screams and moans of two men who were taken out of the main detention room and beaten senseless and said the beatings were carried out at the orders of the camp commander, Dragan Nikolic.

The testimony was made on the second day of eight-day public hearings in the case against Mr. Nikolic. He has remained at large in territory held by Serbs in Bosnia since being charged in November 1994 with killing and torturing prisoners at the Susica camp.

Moi Alleges

By Leakey

NAIROBI - President

Daniel arap Moi accused Richard Leakey, the conser-

vationist-turned-politician,

on Tuesday of waging a smear

campaign against Kenya and said he risked being prosecut-

ed for sedition.

Mr. Moi said Mr. Leakey, a
third-generation white Ke-

nyan, and Robert Shaw, a

businessman who is also a

member of the political oppo-

sition, had mounted a cam-

paign of abuse against him

and Kenya in newspapers

made themselves more Afri-

can than Africans," Mr. Moi

said in a national day speech at a Nairobi stadium. They

go to America, to Europe, and

they are better than Afri-

harp about Kenya. It is like

"They have gone to news-

papers all over, abusing me,"

the president added. "They

are telling people not to give

aid to Kenya, when such aid

"Leakey and Shaw have

here and abroad.

'Sedition'

Reuters

The camp was established shortly after Serbian soldiers seized the nearby town of Vlasenica, northeastern Bosnia-Herzegovina, on April of 1992, Mr. Nikolic was in charge at Susica, where up to 8,000 Muslims may have been held

> The hearings do not amount to a trial in absentia, which is forbidden under the tribunal's statute, but are expected to result in the tribunal confirming the charges against him and issuing an international arrest warrant.

Mr. Osmanovic told the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia that Asim Zildzic was unable to walk or speak when he was taken back to a hangar at the camp,

Mr. Osmanovic said that the next morning Mr. during the night.

"Durmo responded, 'Let me see the sun once-more,' Mr. Osmanovic said, adding, "Durmo started walking toward the door and after a few meters he fell down and died."

On other occasions the heavily armed camp commandant held an unloaded pistol to inmates heads and pulled the trigger, Mr. Osmanovic

On another occasion Mr. Osmanovic testified. he watched as Mr. Nikolic, just meters away in

"He could not speak, he just kept sobbing. He died after about 15 or 20 minutes," he said. the crowded hangar, stuck a bayonet into an inmate's mouth.

In later evidence, Redjo Cakisic, a former forestry worker and volunteer fireman, told the Nikolic tried to question another Muslim in-mate, Durmo Handzic, who had been beaten tribunal: "Durmo could not sleep. He was such a broken man.

Mr. Cakisic, himself a prisoner at the camp, said that Mr. Handric pleaded with Mr. Nikolic to kill him, but the commander replied: "A bullet costs one German mark, you are not worth a cigarette butt. You must suffer."

"As Durmo crawled after Nikolic, he collapsed and died," Mr. Cakisic said. Mr. Osmanovic told the three tribunal judges that Mr. Nikolic shot over the heads of detainees to intimidate them and proclaimed: "Here I am God, the stick and the law."

Top UN Peacekeeper In Balkans Replaced

By Christopher S. Wren New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York — In a major reshuffle of its peacekeeping leadership in the Balkans, the United Naback his special representative in the former Yugoslavia, Yasu-shi Akashi, and replacing him with Kofi Annan, who is currently responsible for all peacekeeping operations.

Mr. Annan, an undersecretary-general, will also become special envoy to NATO, making him a pivotal liaison once a keeping portfolio will be as-NATO-led force takes over sumed by Ismat Kittani, anothfrom United Nations peacekeepers in the region.

A Ghanian widely respected by diplomats for his compe- adviser to Mr. Boutros Ghali. tence and experience, Mr. Anoperations

The secretary-general said Tuesday that Mr. Akashi had asked for the transfer.

Mr. Akashi was an undersecmation when he was selected in 1992 to run the peacekeeping mission in Cambodia. He was

mer Japanese diplomat, re-tained the support of Mr. Boutros Ghali and of Japan, which as the second largest contributor, after the United States pays more than 13 percent of the UN budget.

tions suggested that Mr. Akashi had lost credibility as a negotia-tor in Bosnia and Croatia and that Mr. Boutros Ghali, with Mr. Akashi's consent, was looking for a chance to move him

out of the region.
"In view of the progress now tions announced Tuesday that being made regarding the diplo-secretary-General Boutros matic and military situation in Boutros Ghali was bringing Bosnia and Herzogovina, and back his special representative elsewhere in Yugoslavia, I have acceded to the request for reassignment of my special repre-sentative, Mr. Yasushi Akashi," Mr. Boutros Ghali said in a letter sent to the current president of the Security Council, Ibrahim Gambari of Nigeria. Mr. Annan's broader peace-

er undersecretary-general. Mr. Akashi will be given Mr. Kittani's current job as senior

The round-robin reshuffle, nan is believed unlikely to stay in Zagreb beyond the end of the comes at a time when the peace. which takes effect on Nov. 1, year because his peacekeeping keeping role of the United Na-experience is needed in other tions in the Balkans is undergoing a metamorphosis following the lead taken by NATO, and particularly the United States,

in trying to settle the conflict. retary-general for public infor-The Bosnian government welcomed the news that Mr.

Akashi was leaving his post by later given the same job in the the end of the month, Reuters former Yugoslavia, where he reported from Sarajevo. came under criticism from some governments for not dealing decision to replace his special

forcefully enough with the belli-representative in former Yugogerents in Bosnia and Croatia, slavia, Yasushi Akashi, is one of notably the Bosnian Serbs. In the few decisions that Boutros the end, he found himself a Ghali has made that can be welscapegoat for many of the flaws comed," the government in Sathe peacekeeping operation. rajevo said in a statement. Still, Mr. Akashi, 64, a for-

Mexican Teams Hunt Big Quake's Survivors

Aftershocks Hamper Rescue Efforts; At Least 61 Dead on Pacific Coast

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches GUADALAJARA Mexico - Rescue teams assisted by troops searched among rubble-strewn streets Tuesday for survivors of a powerful earthquake that rocked Mexico's Pacific Coast, killing at least 61 people.

The quake, the strongest in 10 years, measured 7.5 de-grees on the Richter scale and shook nine states and Mexico City on Monday and left more than 1,000 people homeless.

Rescue efforts were hampered by a series of aftershocks, the largest of which measured between 4.9 and 5.1 on the Richter scale but which apparently caused no further injuries or damage. Worst hit by the quake

were the western coastal state of Jalisco, where 46 people were killed, and the neighboring state of Colima, where 15 more died.

Rescue crews were working under floodlights Monday at the site of what was once the seven-story Costa Real hotel in Manzanillo, the Colima state capital. Twelve bodies had been pulled from the collapsed

The hotel manager, Alfouso Ramirez Ochoa, said 33 of the hotel's 57 guests were missing and feared buried in the rubble, along with 17 workers.

Carlos Jimenez, who was spending his honeymoon at the hotel, said he lost his wife in the 90-second earthquake that brought down the building around him.

"I was with my wife," he said. "I rushed under a door jamb in a hallway when the shaking started. I only managed to see her running behind me when everything collapsed.

"I've already found her body," he said as he sobbed. In another part of Manzanillo, a police station was also reduced to rubble by the earthquake, trapping eight police officers and office workers. The local airport also suffered extensive damage and has been closed to

(AFP, Reuters, AP)

■ Japan Drops Warning Japan lifted a tidal wave warning issued along its Pacific coasts on Tuesday following the Mexican earthquake, Reuters reported from Tokyo.

The Meteorological Agency said there was now no possibility that tidal waves triggered by the earthquake would reach Japan. Tsunami of about 15 centimeters (6 inches) had been recorded near Hawaii, the agency

BOSNIA: Stalling by the Muslims

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attack explained much of the Serb shellfire that has been peppering Tuzla in recent days,

said a UN spokesman. On Monday, two U.S. F-16s launched radar-guided bombs against a Serbian command and control bunker after Serbian shells killed a Norwegian peacekeeper at the Tuzla airfield. U.S. forces are believed to be looking at the Tuzla air facility as one possible base for their operations, should a peace deal

be achieved.

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0130 84 85 85 or fax: 069-175413.

For their part, the Serbs were industrial center of Tuzla. That also continuing their brand of

> On Tuesday, 1,000 more Muslims arrived in the central Bosnian city of Zenica after the Serbs expelled them from their homes near Sanski Most, Prijedor and Bosanski Novi in northwestern Bosnia.

Kris Janowski, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, cited claims by some of the women that they had been raped by Serb parami-

Since the weekend, more than 4,000 Muslim women, ren and old men have been expelled from northern Bosnia by the Serbs. The Serbs separated men of military age from the rest of the refugees, and the whereabouts of the men are un-

Continued from Page 1 Ghosh positively shimmered Hindus.

and swamis are up to!" he said. has been a lifelong battle. His demonstrate the scientific principle that the rationalists, and many scientists in India and elsewhere, say explains the phenomenon of milk-drinking

on Sept. 21 and on the days that of country-fair magicians. show that any liquid, including spoon through the porous ceramics used for the idols

through capillary attraction. tracted friendly laughter, sug-gesting that milk-drinking idols ting them out of business.

strained the credulity of many

helps ordinary people. They

may be prosecuted for sedi-

Mr. Leakey was a close ally of Mr. Moi until he was forced

to resign from heading the

For Mr. Ghosh, 50, battling "See what it is that the gurus the belief in the supernatural Mr. Ghosh's purpose was to skepticism began when he was a

Indians stayed away from work were taken from the repertory

how this fraudulent spiritualthe poor,"

Later on, he traveled around Ghosh and his assistants at- has exposed 150 gurus and swa- ital, Algiers.

INDIA: Calling the 'Guru Busters' Chirac Confirms Meeting

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches went about bearding holy men would meet with Algeria's pres-who demonstrated their mysti-ident later this month and said France is anxious cal powers on the street by he would try to convince him being regarded as having taken After the reports about that walking on hot coals and by that only by widening democrasides in Algeria's civil war; Al-

President Daniel arap Moi addressing Kenyans on Moi Day on Tuesday in Nairobi.

Kenya Wildlife Service last

year. In May, he announced the formation of the Safina

(Noah's Ark) Party to fight

corruption and unite a deeply fragmented opposition. The

In a new display of resolve to followed to line up at temples to

"I saw how people were being keep Islamic radicals from parwatch. Mr. Ghosh set out to fooled," he said. "And I saw alyzing relations with its former colony, the French government milk, can be made to rise from a ism was being used to exploit also announced that it would immediately resume ferry service across the Mediterranean

With Algerian President PARIS - Defiant in the face Islamic militants hijacked an

phenomenon began, millions of other tricks Mr. Ghosh says by will Algeria resolve its prob-

arough capillary attraction. India, unmasking bigger fry. By between the southern port of his personal account, he says he Marseille and the Algerian cap-

Ferry service has been suspended as a security measure

since last Christmas Eve, when teenager living in a town out-side Calcutta. of threats from Islamic mili-tants, President Jacques Chirac tion Minister Bernard Pons said tants, President Jacques Chirac tion Minister Bernard Pons said Cutting classes at school, he confirmed Tuesday that he the service would resume on an France is anxious about not

party has so far been denied

registration.
Diplomats say Mr. Lea-

key's party poses the biggest challenge to the 71-year-old

Kenyan leader's 17-year rule.

gerian Islamic extremists have taken responsibility for a wave of bomb attacks in France. Mr. Chirac set off anger

among militants by saying earlier this month that he planned to meet with President Liamine Zeroual during ceremonies Oct. 22 to 24 in New York marking the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

this commitment at a French-Spanish summit meeting in Madrid, saying he had "accepted the principle of a meeting" with General Zeroual.

Speaking to reporters at the end of a two-day official visit to Spain, Mr. Chirac said he hoped to hear what the Algerian president had to say before presidential elections in Algea, but would also tell him that he hoped for a widening of the

democratic process there. "What will I tell him?" Mr. Chirac asked. "That there cannot be a solution to the Algerian problem unless it is a political one. A first step has been taken with presidential elections, but in my opinion an essential step is to constitute a legislative majority through parliamentary

(Reuters, AP)

Violence has increased in Algeria with the approach of the first round of presidential elections Nov. 16. More than 30,000 people have died in Algeria in an Islamic insurpence.

By Lawrence Van Gelder New York Times Service

By Lawrence Van Gelder go immediately. The go immediately in the property of geria in an Islamic insurgency that began in January 1992. In France, the Armed Islamic

Group of Algeria has claimed responsibility for eight bomb-Tuesday that he had ordered ings or attempted bombings tightened security for all forms of transportation. He said the attack had occurred on an older that have left seven dead and more than 130 wounded since midsummer. The group it was World Wide Web pages.

The loosening of the track of the control of the Amtrak of the control of punishing France for interfering in Algeria's domestic af-fairs. (Reuters, AP)

A diplomat at the United Na-

TESTS: EU Commission to Dodge Fight With France Over Nuclear Shots nited Nations.

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On Tuesday, he reaffirmed have overwhelmingly condemned the The commission will feel the heat direct-

ly Wednesday because it will discuss the nuclear tests at its weekly meeting in Strasbourg, the home of the Parliament, and President Jacques Santer will explain the agency's position to members immediately

"It is the commission's credibility with the European Parliament and the peoples of Europe that is at stake," Pauline Green, leader of the Socialist group in the parlia-ment, said Tuesday in Strasbourg. Mrs. Green refused to rule out a motion of no-confidence in the commission, saying such unprecedented action would be "one of a range of possibilities" the Parliament would consider if Mr. Santer's team

did not take firm action over the tests. The commission is in the hot seat because its legal authority, however limited, is the only real avenue that opponents of the tests have to pressure Paris.

One of the Union's founding treaties, that call at a meeting late Monday, saying said. "We cannot. It's as simple as that."

the 1957 agreement establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, requires national governments to monitor radiation from atomic facilities and to obtain a safety opinion from the Commission before

any "particularly dangerous experiments." France has sent the commission more than 1,000 pages of scientific data on its tests but contends that the safety opinion applies only to civilian experiments, not military ones.

The environment commissioner. Rin Bjerregaard, who is from staunchly antinuclear Denmark, has urged the Commission in the last week to threaten France with a treaty-infringement lawsuit in the European Court of Justice if it does not provide information on the tests in five days. She argued that French authorities prevented a team of Commission experts from visiting the Pacific atoll of Fanga-tanfa last month and refused to provide data on radioactivity around Mururoa, the two French test sites.

But senior commission officials rejected

that the agency's scientific experts had not yet assessed data already supplied by the French or drawn up a precise list of additional information they want. Even such anti-nuclear commissioners

as Neil Kinnock and Emma Bonino were expected to desert Mrs. Bjerregaard at Wednesday's commission meeting.

A spokesman for Mr. Santer said the

commission would seek to resolve the matter amicably before going to the court. Behind the legalese, the commission is

clearly reluctant to engage in an open clash with France at a time when many governments are clamoring to trim the commission's powers at an EU intergovernmental conference next year. As one commission official said, "It's easy enough to win short-term popularity and lose long-term

credibility."

Indeed, some Brussels insiders believe the commission should never have gotten itself involved in the testing debate. "The commission should not give the impression that it can stop these tests," an official

sidering the possibility that a documents that have shown up Officials of Amtrak, the FBI past or present railroad emin several states following a July and the transportation safety ployee might have been innational get-together of paraboard said it was too early to

Diego, Los Angeles and Washington offices - were taking

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blast. He said 90 agents — drawn from the Phoenix, San

point to a culprit or culprits. Sabotage, they added, did not necessarily mean terrorism. A disgruntled railroad employee or a lone sociopath might have been responsible. But the notes and the nature

of the sabotage appeared to point to the nation's shadowy far right. The notes, signed "Sons of Gestapo," a group unknown to

the authorities, alluded to the federal sieges in Ruby Ridge, Idaho, in 1992, and near Waco, Texas, in 1993. Both of those incidents have become "causes celebres" of the far right. An electronic data-base search of U.S. newspapers

ternet discussion groups and

NEW YORK - The world chess

champion, Garry Kasparov, agreed to a

rapid 12-move draw Tuesday in the 18th game of his title match with Viswan-

athan Anand to win the contest, 10.5 to

7.5. and take the \$900,000 first prize.

the white pieces, played for less than 30

minutes before reaching the draw that

secured his victory.

Mr. Kasparov, with the advantage of

Mr. Anand will receive \$450,000 from

the Professional Chess Association,

found no mention of "Sons of

CEO of Amtrak. He described the procedure as "somewhat sophisticated."

TRAIN: Since Accident Was No Accident, Who Did It?

Investigators thus were convolved.

But Stephen W. FitzGerald, editor of Locomotive Engineers Journal, said no arcane knowledge was needed, adding, "This is not rocket scientist stuff." The Southwest, where railroads once were major employers, is full of people with at least rudimentary knowledge of how trains work, he said.

Moreover, widely circulated far-right literature contains not only recipes for building fertilizer bombs - such as the one bombing, has been linked to used to destroy the Oklahoma City federal building in April but also information on how to sabotage railroad targets, said Brian Levin, associate director of Klanwatch. His group, based Gestapo." Nor did a search of in Montgomery, Alabama, about six months' worth of Inout the nation.

utes, said Dennis F. Sullivan, tapes, video tapes and books executive vice president and and pamphlets circulated among far-right groups, he said in a telephone interview.

And the possibility of attacking rail targets is mentioned in military activists in South Dakota, Mr. Levin said, without attempting to draw a direct link to the Arizona crash.

Extremist groups have been active in Arizona at least since the 1970s, including in Maricopa County, where the train

Mr. Levin said his group was aware of at least 40 white supremacist groups in the state. Timothy McVeigh, prime sus-pect in the Oklahoma City one such group, the Arizona Pa-

In Detroit, Transportation Secretary Federico F. Peña said

NEW YORK - John A.

Scali, 77, a former ABC News correspondent whose secret role as a go-between made him a pivotal figure in resolving the Cuban missile crisis and who later served as the U.S. delegate to the United Nations, died of heart failure Monday in Wash-

Mr. Scali's colorful journalistic career put him at the center of many historic events, but his most significant story - his involvement in pulling the Soviet Union and the United States back from the brink of nuclear war in October 1962 --- was one that he was forced for a time to

keep secret When he finally spoke, two years later, he said the episode began with a call from a man whom he knew to be the chief of Soviet intelligence in the United States. He was later identicounselor of the Soviet Embas-

"He wanted to have lunch caten in silence, and incidental-

White House.

"After the waiter had taken our order, he came right to the point and said, War seems about to break out; something must be done to save the situa-"And I said, 'Well, you

should have thought of that before you introduced the mis-

"He then said, There might be a way out; what would you think of a proposition whereby we would promise to remove our missiles under United Nations inspection, where Mr. Khrushchev would promise never to introduce such offensive missiles into Cuba again? Would the president of the United States be willing to promise publicly not to invade Cuba?

"I said I didn't know, but I fied as Alexander Fomin, the would be willing to try and find

The rest of the meal was with me," Mr. Scali said on ABC News in 1964. "I'd al-ready had lunch when he called by he got my crab cakes and I wound up with his pork chop, but he didn't notice it." me, but his voice was so urgent In the days that followed,

taurant, two blocks from the tration before the crisis was resolved peacefully.

After accounts of Mr. Scali's role were published in 1964, he answered the question of whether he would do it again, knowing he would get scooped on his own story.

"The answer is yes," he said "At times like that, a reporter has no choice. Because whatever he can do to save humanity from destruction, even just an ounce worth, he must do - and that's not just patriotic flagwaving."

Mr. Scali, who had been ap pointed State Department and diplomatic correspondent for ABC News in 1961, continued in that capacity until 1971, when President Richard Nixon appointed him special consul-tant for foreign affairs and

communications. Two years later, Mr. Nixon named Mr. Scali to replace George Bush as U.S. representative to the UN. The appointment prompted a barrage of criticism. But two years later. when President Gerald R. Ford abruptly replaced Mr. Scali. there was general agreement that he had acquitted himself

Nigeria Commutes Coup Sentences

ABUJA, Nigeria — Nigeria said Tuesday that a life sentence imposed on its former military ruler, Olusegun Obasanjo, for plotting an abortive coup this year had been reduced

to 15 years. The information minister, Walter Ofonagoro, said that sentences on 41 other alleged

coup plotters also had been commuted. Those originally sentenced to death, he said, would be jailed

for life or 25 years instead. The death sentence of a retired major general, Shehu Musa Yar'Adua, second in command to Mr. Obasanio, was

commuted to 25 years. The death sentences had been imposed in a secret trial







game, conceding a draw only when he and Mr. Kasparov had reached a totally drawn position that would have left each which sponsored the match. The fight for the title was actually over

giving Mr. Kasparov a lead of 10 to 7. He needed 10.5 points to win the 20-game match. In the event of a 10-10 tie, Mr. Kasparov would have kept his title but have been forced to split the \$1.35 mil-The victory is the Russian's fifth suc-

Kasparov Wins Chess Match With a Quick Draw

when Monday's game ended in a draw,

lion prize money with Mr. Anand. cessful defense of his title, won in 1985.

Mr. Anand, a 25-year-old Indian, played to the bitter end in Monday's

Mr. Kasparov in the game, but the champion held on in a difficult situation. Mr. Kasparov said his loss in the ninth game of the contest, which gave Mr. Anand the lead, was not his worst moment in the contest. He said that came

Mr. Anand came close to defeating

just before the first game. Before the match, I could feel I wasn't using all my potential and that was scary," Mr. Kasparov said. But he said Mr. Anand's victory spurred him

into action.
"It took enormous energy," he said. "I started working like I never did in my

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NETWORK MANAGEMENT GOES HIGH PROFILE

Costs, complexity and customer-friendliness are the key network issues.

used to he a rather unglamorous, backoffice activity. Not so anymore. Telecommunications operators worldwide now see network management as a vital instru-

etwork management

ment in dealing with intensifying competition for market share, tackling mounting technical complexity and satisfying ever-more exacting customer service requirements. The talk is all of standardized and integrated systems - but their realization is fraught with problems. In this context, Ian Boatman must

be the envy of most of his counter-parts in the business. Chief operating officer of the second Australian carrier. Optus Communication Ltd., Mr. Boatman presides over an ultra-modern, all-digital telephone network largely built since 1992. Not for him the uphill struggle of operators else-where as they try to centralize, simplify and comprehend the management of "mix and match" networks that have grown up over the years using different generations of technology and equipment, sometimes from dozens of suppliers.

Other than taking preventive measures against major service outages. "network management is not such;a big issue for us as [it is for] other operators," says Mr. Boatman,

Diverse functions

The management of telecommunications networks involves functions as diverse as the monitoring, control and reconfiguration of plant; troubleshooting, maintenance and rerair; provisioning of new lines and capacity; the introduction and supervision of

new services; and customer billing. system security and network integrity.
The machines capable of accom-

plishing these sorts of tasks are dubbed OSSs (Operational Support Systems). Globally, the OSS market is huge. Johann Weihen of IBM's Europe, Middle East and Africa Telecommunications and Media Industry Solution Unit estimates that the combined telecommunications and media industry expenditure on OSS and overall IT (Information Technology) was well above \$40 bil-lion in 1994. And the OSS pie is going to get a lot bigger. IBM calculates that the telecommunications and media industries will splash out \$75 billion on IT in the year 1999.

A number of factors are at work. The growth of telecommunications services worldwide, and the resulting recognition by operators that their existing network management capabilities are inadequate or inappropriate, is spurring the development of new types of OSS.

Paging is one example. "The market for paging has expanded beyond all expectations, and the applications software that is available for billing and administration is completely out of date," says Margaret Moore, CEO of Britain's Rapid-Gen Systems Ltd. Rapid-Gen's billing product is aiming to bridge this particular gap and is also adapting the system for the cable television industry. "The systems that are available at the moment are dinosaurs," comments Ms. Moore.

The triple challenge

Meanwhile, many incumbent telecommunications operators today are

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Network Wanagement

The movement of information has become at least as important as the transportation of goods. How are networks managed today? A survey of public and private networks, the relevant technology, and the key players right now.

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TELECOM 95 WRAP-UP

Telecom 95, the \$1 billion trade show extravaganza which began October 3, is drawing to a close today, with 1,050 exhibitors and 350,000 people

attending from 184 countries.
The International Telecommunication Union's "October Revolution" has helped to separate some of the hype from reality in the new convergence. Still under debate was whether the Global Information Infrastructure. whose only guarantee is that it will be expensive to implement, will be deployed on a high-performance computer network, a multimedia network or interactive television.

A fair mixture of business and hy-

perbole went into Telecom 95.

"The generation that will build the global information infrastructure may not see the benefits," ITU Secretary-General Pekka Tarjanne noted, reading from the ITU's World Telecommunication Development Report.

"Even if it is built in their lifetime." Dr. Tarjanne continued, "many will be unable to cope with information overload, since they will not be used to exercising choice and will not be accustomed to interacting with electronic information applications. Our children are the ones that will really benefit from the Global Information Infrastructure. They are the digital babies who will never have to use a typewriter, dial a call on a rotary telephone or tune a television."

Who's footing the bill?

The biggest recurring question was who will pay for the GII. The only answer that emerged from Telecom 95 was that movies as an application for video-on-demand would probably fail

"News-on-demand is a much better

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THE ADVANCED NETWORK

arrier networks, whether narrowband or broadband, are far more complex than any corporate local area network could ever be. As a result, they require a much higher degree of fault tolerance, as well as new languages for service creation, management and

message exchange.
Breakthroughs in expert systems have made it possible to create network management platforms that can be built from the top down and oper-

ate as a hierarchy.

And it is a hierarchy with intelligence. The management systems at the top supervise the network when they need to, but elements that occupy lower levels in the network hierarchy are perfectly capable of managing themselves a great deal of the time.

New languages, such as CMIP (Common Management Information Protocol) and CMIS (Common Management Information Services), along with platforms like the TMN (Telecommunications Management Network), are easing the tasks of net-work managers - reducing the hectic pace suggested by the terms "sneakerware" and "management by swivel

One important advantage carriers have is the AIN (Advanced Intelligent Network) - the network underlay without which many of today's new business telecommunications services and future interactive services would not be possible. And even if they were

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facing three new challenges. The first is their need to significantly cut operating costs. No two operators have exactly the same cost structures, but Canadianheadquartered telecommunications equipment vendor Nortel estimates that maintenance alone can swallow 20 percent of an established operator's revenues.

The pressure to reduce overhead is particularly acute in locations where incumbent operators are facing new, lower-cost rivals. many slimmed down in the rough and tumble of the liberalized U.S. marketplace. According to Tom White, general manager of Hewlett Packard's Scotland-based Telecoms Systems Division. the average annual maintenance cost per access line in the United States is around \$40, while the figure for the rest of the world is \$75.

Second, operating and maintenance cost is clearly related to the complexity of equipment elements making up the network, and dealing with additional complexity in a cost-effective manner is the second bugbear of many telecom companies.

Complexity arises partly from the advanced nature of the systems currently being deployed and partly from the fact that the proliferation of standards has made it possible - and, indeed, economically imperative - to construct multivendor networks.

"It's a truism, but it's got-ten to the stage in the last decade or so where the telecommunications network is impossible to main-

tain and operate in a manual way." says Mr. White.

The third pressing requirement for today's telecommunications operators is the achievement of greatly improved levels of responsiveness and customer friendliness. Again, the urgency increases in line with the degree of competition present in a particular market and the consequent need to differentiate service offerings from the rest of the telecoms pack.

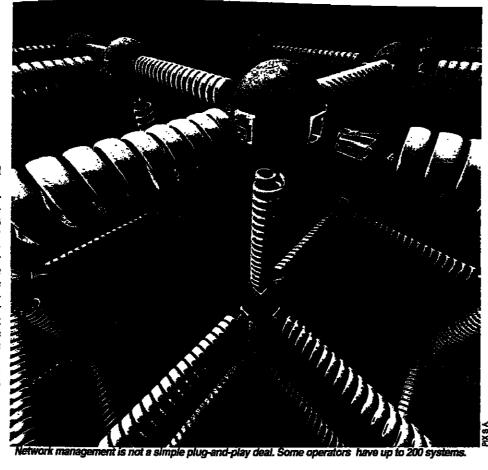
"It's the service and the care offered to customers that accounts for their satisfaction and the carrier's profitability," says Mr. Weihen. "Much more than traditional telephony operation is demanded today to obtain customer loyalty and to grow market share."

Quality of service

After all, a network is a network is a network. John Holdsworth, Newbridge Networks' business unit manager, draws a parallel with the airline industry: "Every airline flies 747 jumbo jets, yet why are some more successful than others in attracting customers? It's the quality of service offered that counts."

Improved network management offers gains in all three areas of telecom comstructures, automates complex processes and sharpens up the telecom companies' commercial act. "Network and service management allows the telco to compete, survive and prosper," says Mr. Holdsworth.

network management systems can make big money supplied by the manufactur-



for operators. "It's a gold ers of, and optimized for, mine," says Mr. White. "If the data on the phone network is extracted and processed in the right way. it can literally put hundreds of millions of dollars onto the bottom line of a telephone company's balance

Mr. White lists the pre-vention of fraud, which is estimated to cost the operators \$15 billion annually, the ability to bill for services that cannot be billed for today and the generation of marketing statistics as some pany concern. It flattens cost of the new revenue opportu-

Multiple systems

Unfortunately, new network management is not a simple plug-and-play deal. In the first place, there are literally billions of dollars invested And, properly handled. in existing "legacy" OSS equipment, much of this

repertoire of international the particular elements that network management stanmake up the network. Lardards is nowhere near comger operators can have as many as 200 management The ITU-T's Telecommunications Management systems, each of which provides only a partial view of

process, a move away from

the management of particu-

lar elements to the manage-

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network services is dis-

cernible. Added to the prob-

lem of uncertainty about the

degree of integration that is

practicable or desirable in

combining element, net-

work, service and customer

management systems, the

Network (TMN) program network status and perforhas contributed some key mance. This may be both inelegant and inefficient, but pieces to the network management standardization it is a fact of life. puzzle, as have such organi-New-generation OSS zations as the European aims to overcome the limita-Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) and tion of legacy systems by using standardized managethe Network Management ment components to inte-Forum (NMF). grate disparate control and support capabilities. In the

Middleware platforms
The use of middleware platforms, which separate the underlying hardware and operating system from applications - making the latter more or less hardwareindependent - is also making great strides in the telecommunications network management field. Nevertheless, legacy OSS will be around for some cy of network operators'

SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT: **COMMON INTERFACES**

Operators want it all - customized facilities, high speed, flexibility and a low price.

In the past, telecommunications equip- that have to be accommodated. ment suppliers had the security of clearly defined roles, but today operators are being driven by market forces and unprecedented developments in technology. Competition in telecommunications provision is being either introduced or extended in countries all over the world. and operators are urgently seeking the ability to differentiate their services more by offering particular features.

In recent years, operators have achieved notable successes by integrating computers and databases into their networks, which has allowed them to introduce advanced services such as toll-free phone service, premium rate information services, calling cards and VPNs (Virtual Private Networks). In the United States alone, almost 50 percent of all long-distance traffic is now generated by such computer-supported services.

To deal with this distribution of intelligence throughout networks, almost every substantial bid for telecommunications equipment now includes a section on the network management aspects of this equipment and its integration into the Telecommunications Network Management (TMN) architecture.

On the horns of a dilemma

According to Alcatel, the cost of developing advanced network management solutions is increasing by as much as 35 percent to 40 percent annually. This is because of the complexity involved: not only are new platforms needed to support new offerings such as mobile, personalized and multimedia services, but there is also a legacy of proprietary platforms operating in the world's telecom companies

This situation has given rise to a dilemma. Operators are demanding increasingly customized facilities to provide them with their competitive edge, but they want cheaper, more innovative and flexible solutions, and faster times to market. The only way that the equipment manu-

facturers can square this circle is by using common interfaces so that operators can mix and match multivendor equipment and software as they wish. Integrated management now needs to include mobile communications, local access netorks, VPNs, SDH (Synchronous Digital Hierarchy) and ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode).

Peised for action

The industry is now poised to take a further step by introducing a more advanced form of computer control called the IN (Intelligent Network). This will allow network operators and service providers to construct highly novel and complex telephone services out of standardized software building blocks.

The impact on business networking. nationally and internationally, will be enormous: private voice networks will become a thing of the past, and businesses will have much greater control over theinnetworking.

The telecommunications industry itself will be restructured, with the traditional vertically integrated network operator and service supplier being largely replaced by separate horizontal service suppliers and network operators - together with awhole new raft of specialist service creators and content providers

Annie Turner

time to come. In addition to the need to amortize existing investments and the lack of full standards, simple logistics and technical complexity play a part in this.

"In our opinion, changing from the existing OSS infrastructure must be a gradual process, because consisten-

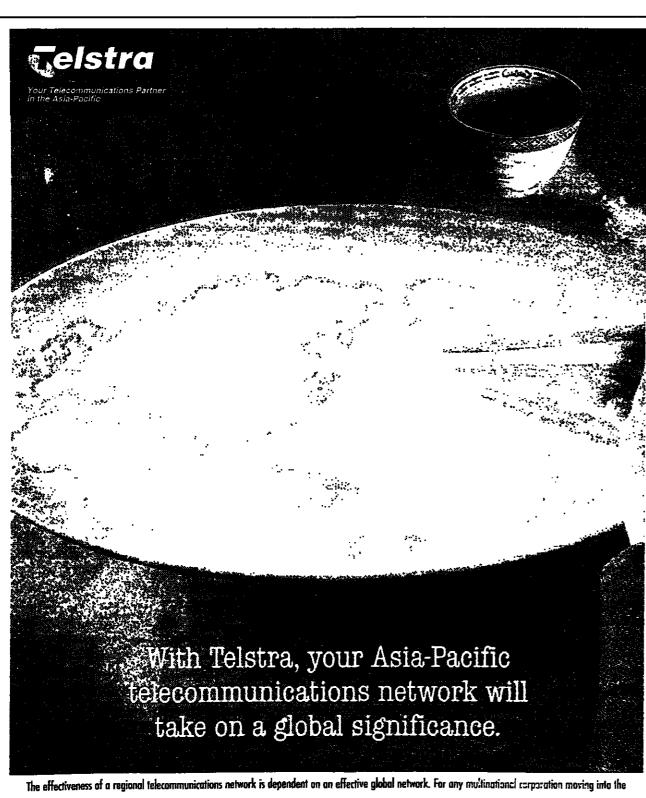
data must be guaranleed. and adapting existing operating processes to few, more efficient ones can only be done step by step," says a spokesperson at Gerhan

electronics giant Siemenl
"A TMN solution las always been divided into four layers - element, retwork, service and business

management. This certainly does not facilitate the rapid provision of comprehensive solutions because the standardized interfaces are required to link the individual layers.

It is clear that few operators will be as relaxed as Optus in the near term.

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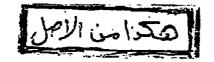
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NETWORK MANAGEMENT

ROADBLOCKS ON THE WAY TO UPT – WILL REGULATORS HELP?

Universal Personal Telecommunications are already on the way, but mobile and fixed networks still need integration before this communication goal can be achieved.

mobile and fixed networks, as well as the IT platforms and

Network management may well become a key issue in telecommunications regulation over the next few years. This will be a new experience for a crucial aspect of telecommunications that is too often seen as an esoteric science rather than a mainstream issue.

The wave of privatization, deregulation and increasing competition has made network operators and service providers desperate to cut their costs and to win high-value business by offering new types of telephone services. Led by the United States, operators have already introduced services such as toll-free numbers and premium rate information services, and they are now looking to introduce a new genera-

Half-way house

The new services include personal numbers and messaging, a half-way house to the ultimate goal of UPT (Universal Personal Telecommunications), in which callers will delege person they wish to speak to without even having to know where they are. For subscribers, UPT will mean access to the services they use at home – even if they are on the other side of the world – when they identify themselves to the telecom network with a personal identification number, password and/or smart card. They will receive a single itemized bill at home for the services they have used and gain far greater control over which calls they accept from whom and when.

Achieving this goal will require the close integration of

databases that will comprise the INs (Intelligent Networks) furnishing these services. A fundamental ingredient is a homogenous network management system that embraces existing infrastructure as well as the new IT platforms. There is a booming market in "intelligent peripherals" that are adding features from the "edge" of the telecom networks. The new features are being supplied by newcomers like Prairie Systems. Premisys and Centigram, with established data communications players like Newbridge Networks competing hard for a share of this market. There is also a boom in massively powerful computer-controlled systems that are being implemented in the heart of the networks.

Developments in network management, IT and distributed computing will support the division of telecommunications carriers' networks into wholesale and retail operations. This will become increasingly necessary to underpin transparent accounting so that fair, cost-based interconnection agreements can be achieved between carriers. Interconnect is the keystone of sustainable, competitive provision for all telecommunications services, but it has a particular resonance for the would-be service providers that will add value - leasing bandwidth from existing operators for the provision of multimedia services, for example.

So far, the structure and management of networks have not received much attention in the regulatory arena, but given the growing importance of IT in telecommunications.

some observers are beginning to suggest that regulators should be prepared to intervene to speed this process up, insisting on the implementation of such IT systems to certain specifications and within a given time.

Simple solution

Fortunately, commercial pressures are already forcing the telecommunications industry along a parallel route. Faced with astronomical development costs, telecom equipment providers are already moving toward open standards in network management as the only viable option. While work is continuing apace on both IN standards and the ITU-T's framework for open network management known as Telecommunications Network Management (TMN), progress has been slow due to the complexity of the issues involved

The traditional telecommunications equipment makers. meanwhile, are looking for pragmatic solutions and turning to the SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) spawned by the data communications industry in 1988 - for answers. This means they could quickly have a practical, if basic, common management approach that is consistent with what is widely used for computer communications.

The only question that remains is whether or not regulators are prepared to take the bull by the horns to accelerate the use of IT in order to hasten the separation of retail and wholesale transactions.



ISDN (INTEGRATED SERVICES DIGITAL NETWORK) has started to pick up speed. New multimedia applications, low-volume LAN (Local Area Network) interconnection, videoconferencing and leased-line back-up are among the contemporary drivers of demand for ISDN service.

Using digital central offices and suitable terminal equipment, ISDN is a standardized set of digital transmission protocols which greatly increase the capacity of the existing copper telephone network. There are two types of ISDN channel: 64,000 bits per second (64kbit/s) bearer, or "B" channels, for user voice and data traffic; and 16 or 64 kbit/s packetswitched "D" channels for the administration of call set up and signaling. The "D" channel can also carry user data traffic. ISDN is delivered in two sizes. One, known as the BRI (Ba-

sic Rate Interface), comprises two 64 kbit/s "B" channels together with one 16 kbit/s "D" channel. This is known as 2B+D and is intended for low end users. The other, dubbed PRI (Primary Rate Interface) and used by large corporations, comprises 23 64 kbit/s "B" and one 64 kbit/s "D" channel (23B+D) in the United States and Japan, and 30 or 31 64 kbit/s "B" channels and one 64 kbit/s "D" channel (30 or 31B+D) in most other locations.

Some operators offer sub-equipped channel packages such as 6B+D or 15B+D. According to the Britain-based Telecomeuropa ISDN Newsletter, there were nearly 2.7 million BRIs and 150,000 PRIs in 26 countries last August. J.W.

ADVANCED NETWORK

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possible without AIN, which allows software to be deployed at strategic points in the network rather than at every single switch, service roll-out would be much, much slower.

Indeed, AIN is one of the most important elements in the network management picture. It is critical in service management. Using AIN, carriers can instantly reconfigure customers' services, update databases and respond to inquiries. AIN will also be indispensable for billing and account management in an era of multiple carriers, information and programming providers, and households with multiple customer and subscriber profiles.

The U.S. Committee T1-Telecommunications has study groups that are starting to tackle this network.

Right now, the only Alnspecific network management tools available are SMSs (Service Management Systems), which tend

to be provided by AIN equipment manufacturers. SMS systems, such as AT&T's Total Network Management system and Alcatel's 1400 Series, monitor SCPs (Service Control Points), STPs (Signal Transfer Points) and IPs (Intelligent Peripherals) on the AIN. Because there are no standards for SMS-to-SCP or SMS-to-IPs traffic, however, today's SMSs are

vendor-specific.

Nonetheless, a number of companies and agencies, including Bellcore, are working on greater standardization. In fact, last year Bellcore adjusted its INA (Intelligent Network Architecture), an initiative that encompassed AIN and network management issues, to dovetail with the ITU's TMN plan. Belicore has already succeeded in devising the SEAS (Signalling, Engineering and Administration both the standard public network and into STPs and SCPs on the AIN.

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MARKET GLOBALIZATION MEANS THAT STANDARDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

The TMN and ETSI help to meet the new network management requirements.

he increasingly diverse and competitive nature of vate Branch Exchanges) and telecommunications means that proprietary or countryspecific approaches to management are no longer viable. Five years ago, the CCITT (now known as the International Telecommunication Union Telecommunications Sector or ITU-T), released the first M.3000 Series of Recommendations for the Telecommunications Management Network (TMN).

This is a framework to define where interfaces between equipment and management systems should be placed, from both a protocol and management information perspective.

The degree of compliance with TMN standards is likely to become an essential factor in tendering for telecommunications equipment provision in the near future. TMN sets out to define what elements constitute a network and what their attributes are. This is done by function, and TMN does not include the physical details of implementation. For example, a particular function might be carried out by a single device or a combination of devices, depending on the configuration of the network in question.

Building blocks The main elements of TMN

Operation Systems that

process data received from network elements.

• The Q3 interface, which covers the format and content of messages between operation systems and net-

work elements. •The Qx-interface is for small network elements that are not able to support the complex Q3 interface, with the necessary conversions carried out by a Mediation Device.

 The F-interface between the Workstation and Operations System.

 The X-interface for communication between the operators of different managed networks.

Q3-interface models for TMN management services to deal with multivendor environments.

Laurent Philonenko of Alcatel Network Systems says that the development of object-oriented software is key to providing the content or filling in the details of TMN. Object oriented programming is software that models the real world through representation using "objects" or modules that contain data as well as instructions that work upon that data.

Since objects have this intelligence built in, they know automatically what the elements they represent can and cannot do. One of main developments was devising an API (Applications Programming Interface) called XMPXOM, an XOpen

developed the Guidelines for Defining Managed Objects (GDMO). It was only around 18 months ago, however, that tools were developed that are capable of creating objects that comply with GDMO definitions and build upon XMPXOM.

Parallel developments

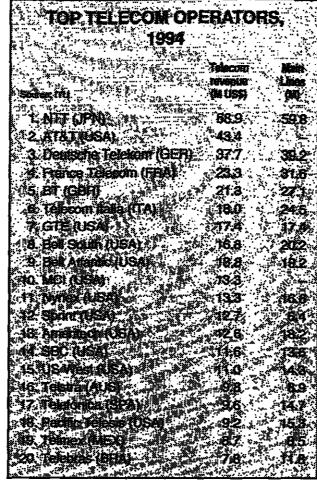
Strong progress is now being made in this complex area. For example, the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) has done much to define what equipment fits into which element category and what their attributes are in the Synchronous Digital Hierarchy arena.

This has helped flesh out the TMN framework, along with customer administration, fault management and traffic management. The Network Management Forum has also made significant contributions in a number of areas.

Alcatel already has TMN in its systems and is working on objects. Information module definitions are now available for transmission, switching, broadband and access management.

A parallel development is a consortium established in 1993 comprising a number of carriers and computer and telecommunications equipment suppliers.

This is called the Telecommunications Intelligent Network Architecture Committee (Tina-C); its expected etwork elements. Management Protocol. In life-span is five years. This
• Network Elements, inthe early 1990s, the ITU-T embraces both IN (Intelli-



gent Networks) and TMN, with the focus on distributed processing and object communications. Tina-C also addresses service management more specifically than in TMN. ETSI has now completed the standards needed (IN CS-1R) to allow telecom companies to start

Networks. Mr. Philonenko believes that TMN will never be completed because there will always be new objects to define and produce.

implementing Intelligent

Nevertheless, he believes that TMN is moving steadily toward its goals of ensuring interoperability between different vendors' management systems and allowing new functions to be introduced into a network that can be managed in a consistent

ITU DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON-LINE BY SUBSCRIPTION

The English service can be downloaded immediately, keeping users up to speed.

In recent years, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) started the onerous process of putting its recommendations online as part of its Telecommunications Information Exchange Service (TIES). That task was completed in July 1995 and is now available on a subscription-only basis as part of the ITUDOC document store.

Browsing the library
Users can freely browse titles and descriptions of documents and publications by accessing the ITU's Worldwide Web (WWW) site - one of the world's largest, with over 14,000 pages. Access to the publications themselves is now available only to subscribers, who must type in their user name and password to gain access.

The service was developed in cooperation with the ITU's Telecommunications Stan-

dards Advisory Group (TSAG).

"There is an ITU Resolution that states the organization must offset the cost of its publi-cations," says Robert Smith, NYNEX's director of international standards and chair of Working Party 3 of TSAG.

"The on-line service should not take away paper-based product revenue; the service is

in fact designed for different uses."

For example, he explains, it would cost a great deal in communications charges to download 20,000 pages of published material; if such material is required for reference. then it is more sensible to buy the printed

On the other hand, if someone is more concerned with keeping up to date, then the on-line service is ideal since it will be updated as events occur, while the printed matter takes from four to six months to reach the market. Part of the reason for this is that the English, French and Spanish language editions have to be released at the same time, while the English on-line service can appear immediately.

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Another advantage of the on-line service is that it is much easier for users to search for the specific items they want than it would be with an index.

The fee structure takes into account the needs of individuals or large organizations that might chose to pay a site fee or buy an unlimited-use license.

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application," noted Larry Ellison, the resident of Oracle, Corp., observing that video-on-demand had flopped for the most part.

Computer Telephony Integration is also a technology to watch. Dialogic of the United States flew the banner at the U.S. pavilion and displayed applica-tions from 25 companies based on its board-level technology. These include Omnivox, a C-T application tool for Windows NT from Apex Voice Com-munications, Inc.; IBM's Callpath direcTalk/2, a voice-processing platform; and AVT's CallXpress3, which integrates voice, e-mail and fax messaging into an interactive voice response sys-

New deals

No expense was spared by anyone. Talk on the stands reported that the Swiss pavilion cost approximately \$10 million and that IBM spent upwards of \$13 million on its stand, parts of which were recycled from the 1987 and 1991 shows.

Some companies went for mergers, new relationships and joint ventures while others invented implementations for new technologies.

Nokia made a deal with HP to co-develop handheld devices in the United

Oki announced a deal with HP to produce its OKI MediaServer on the HP9000 platform.

The MediaServer, which supports up to 200 data streams at one time, is aimed squarely at the corporate market, especially in Asia; it will provide lowcost server-based multimedia services for training to business users.

Motorola demonstrated its CDMA technology in a continent awash with GSM. The company announced that

Hutchison Telephone would launch the world's first commercial CDMA digital cellular system in Hong Kong using Motorola's equipment.

Convergence One of the most concrete examples of convergence came early in the show when Lotus Development Corp. announced that its Lotus Notes program would be offered as a strategic plat-

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form via 11 competing public carriers. The 11 companies - including BT Plc., CompuServe, Deutsche Telekom, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Co. and US West - have agreed to work inter-

operably with each other. In a bid to win what is expected to be a fiercely competitive global equipment market, large equipment manufacturers Alcatel and Siemens both announced the restructuring of their telecommunications arms into eight separate vertical business units, which are more readily accountable for their

own profits and losses. This comes at about the same time as the AT&T reorganization, which is widely seen as a chance to contain the losses of the company's money-losing computer divisions.

"The world equipment market is going to be quite competitive," noted one Siemens executive.

One of the hottest products being

pushed at Telecom 95 is Wireless Local Loop technology, a wireless system that essentially bypasses the fixed-line telephone company entirely within a given region. This makes it cheaper than installing a fixed-line system in developing economies and provides an easy-to-install competitor to telephone monopolies in developed economies. AT&T introduced a wireless local loop product, as did a handful of other companies; tiny ArrayConim, Inc., for instance, announced a development effort with Sweden's Allgon System AB in the area.

"It will be the largest wireless mar-ket," said Karl Martersteck, president of ArrayComm, "We have a huge job to make these high-quality, low-cost communications."

Bryan Van Dussen, senior analyst with the Yankee Group Europe, thinks that the one sure thing in telecoms is the growth of wireless.

"It's partnerships, partnerships, partnerships," he says. "I think we still have problems in getting high-speed networks into a commercially viable position. We could have the Global Information Infrastructure tomorrow if ISDN were priced correctly."

Movie break

Broadband technology saw advances at the show as well, including genuine applications of ATM technology. Alcatel demonstrated one of the most practical potential applications with its Cinema of the Future.

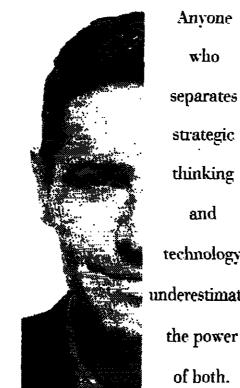
Live high-definition digital broadcasts were sent via an ATM line to a movie theater in the Alcatel stand from a studio outside of the exhibition. It permits a perfect image every time, directly from the studio. In the long run, this should prove to be cheaper to the movie business.

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Schoenberg's Gift of Eloquence: Thrilling Staging of 'Moses'

By David Stevens International Herald Tribune

MSTERDAM -- This is decidedly the year of Arnold Schoenberg, even though there are no anniversaries for an excuse. The Netherlands Opera, which staged the composer's three one-act stage works earlier this year, has just given his "Moses und Aron" a theatrically and musically thrilling production that will also be part of the Salzburg Festival program next summer.

Much is going on elsewhere. In Paris, the Théâtre du Châtelet and the Festival d'Automne are collaborating on an extensive Schoenberg program, including another staging of "Moses und Aron" early in November. In a more mundane atmosphere. Schoenberg continues, 44

years after his death, to be a focal point of controversy, with his heirs and the University of Southern California at odds over treatment.

around the Golden Calf in the second act, many unfinished works, the work nevertheless seems complete as it ends with treatment.

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Worse bemoaning his lack of the nit of the Golden Calf and the tenor Chris Merritt, a slickly elocated works. the future of the composer's archives, which the university no longer wishes to

The production of "Moses und Aron" pit, and a team headed by Peter Stein and

The work itself poses no end of problems. Schoenberg wrote the three-act liopera of ideas which, except for the orgy

contrast between the brothers of the title. story ends. Moses has the Word of God and the concept of a God who cannot be presented in here aroused the highest anticipation, with Pierre Boulez conducting, no less than the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra in the the oratorical skills and mediatic gifts of several longtime colleagues in charge of Aron (the composer's spelling of Aaron). vhose image-making techniques get out

Schoenberg began work on the opera at bretto and composed the music for the first the time he had to leave Germany in the musical events, precise in an immensely two acts, but not for the third, although he early 1930s, and when he resolved to lived for almost 20 years more in Cal-return to Judaism. One of the first lines he ifornia exile. Also, it has been called an puts in Moses' mouth is to thank God for reawakening his ancestral faith. And like

Moses bemoaning his lack of the gift of fire, and casting of the Golden Calf and the The dramatic conflict centers on the eloquence. We know how the biblical other events were plain to see. Moses

> ARIOUS attempts have been made to do the third act, basically a philosophical conflict constantly moving mass. between the brothers, but here Boulez and company stop when the music stops, having played the two acts straight through without intermission in 110 min-

Boulez was completely in control of the complex score, but also rich in sonority. splendidly supported by the dark sonorities of a Concertgebouw in top form. Stein, taking his cue from Aron, went

descends from Sinai with the Commandflies. The people, arguably the real pro-

as convincing as possible — as Schoenberg says in his stage directions, "insofar as the law and stage requirements allow," But his movements for Moses and Aron

were revealing, too, in clarifying the dramatic contrast in the brothers. These two roles, in the large and excellent cast, were superbly taken by David Pittman-Jennings, a powerful and anguished Moses, portedly already sold out.

Karl-Ernst Herrmann's stage was an open one without decoration, and with a sharp projection jutting over the orchestra ments with the help of a ladder from the pit. Moidele Bickel's costumes drew on tlies. The people, arguably the real pro-tagonist of the work, were made into a lical to modern. At different times the stage was also occupied by an ox, four The orgy, with its raw meat, naked vir-horses and riders, and a couple of army gins and general lasciviousness, was made trucks. Not least were the choreographic contributions of Lucinda Childs and Ron Thornhill, the National Ballet, and adult and children's choruses.

The whole was a triumph for the Netherlands Opera and its director, Pierre Audi, in bringing this difficult and intractable work to vivid theatrical life. The 10 performances through Oct. 28 are re-

Sylvia Syms, Charlie Drake and Ray Cooney in Cooney's production at the Playhouse of the farce "Funny Money."

_tCult of Ugliness vs. Body Beautiful

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribune

"ILAN -- Prada, the fashion house that has been setting the international agenda, caught a fashion moment. In a powerful but disturbing show Tuesday, it defined a cult of artistic ugliness. That may turn out to be the

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definitive fashion statement of the 1990s — taking over from the cult of the supermodel body-beautiful, of which Gianni Versace's show was the prime example.

On the one side you have sour, harsh colors, avant-garde prints and weird proportions, since it was all change at once monochrome Prada. On the other side are Versace's sexy suits with short midriff-baring jackets and his voluptuous dresses caressing the bosom and revealing the legs through diaphanous fabrics.

There is no doubt which style most people would rate attractive. But Prada's show is such a red hot fashion ticket that a bomb alert delayed its start.

"I want to change because I get bored - now I am crazy for color and print," said Miuccia Prada to explain a switch from minimalist style and tidy tailoring to a graphically patterned shirt tucked in an awkward ridge into an A-line hipster skirt; or to a tweed suit printed to give texture, mixing shades of green in jacket, skirt and sweater like a wilting salad.

color and abstract prints. There was also a move away from the house's much copied knee- iar fashions: mermaids scales length skirts and dresses, to sep- of lucquered metal mesh, transarates, like the close-to-thebody shirts in soft polyester jersey and calf-lengh skirts.

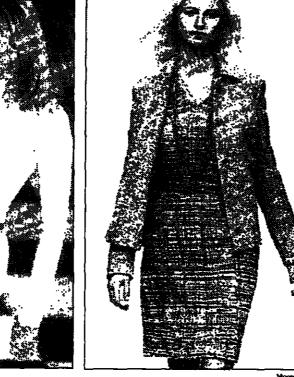
Echoes of retro included safari suits, soft shirt dresses and stiff ladylike shifts mixing shiny and mat fabrics - both suggesting a modernist makeover of flea market finds.

were signature Prada pieces: a mented fashion world. Even if bone beige paneled coat tai-lored in nylon or a fine-knit sweater, and, of course, the cropped suits; Kate Moss's pert

high fashion footwear. The show was a strong statement, much of it coming from spin put on it by the styling team. It may be dismissed as or seen as a designer leading ashion up a weed-strewn garden path. But the ugly look, when worn by young ducklings, strikes a chord at this antifashion moment and gave a fris-

row at Versace in a plungefront, candy-pink silver-sparkle show's end was the better part. dress, with diamond cross, spiky white boots and Hugh Grant as fashionable acces-the haphazard, would-be-witty





Versace's bare midriff outfit in orange: Prada's printed tweed dress and jucket.

new stuff and it is out of this world.

If you believe that women are born to seduce. Versace gave a pretty good show, even if it repeated its cropped tops, narrow pants and swathed-bodice dresses in white or black, and in citric lemon, orange and lime. Grant, quizzical finger to lips

The switch was not just to and furrowed brow, certainly wasn't complaining at seeing familiar supermodels in familparent chiffon dresses over body suits and fresh, printed swimwear.

It is easy to see why Versace shows are a magnet for the paparazzi who follow the supermodels down the road like a remake of "La Dolce Vita." Versace's vision of women is In this deliberate mishmash alluring in a confused and fragderrière to do justice to seethrough pleated skirts; and to be Liz Hurley to make the most of

the simplest little dress. Milan fashion often seems discordant, derided as hideous polarized between the simple and the sexy. At Genny, American designer Rebecca Moses opened with piqué dresses in white or fresh orange, pink and coral. That slightly 1960s cute style suddenly shifted to curvy son of excitement to the Milan fitted dresses, beaded and sparkling. The graphic mod-Elizabeth Hurley sat front emism and sporty minimalism that came through again at the

To say that Franco Moschino

sories. "Versace just happens and relentlessly upbear show jacket decked out with AIDS to suit my body," explained staged by the house is really a ribbons. Gypsy layers and In-turley. "I've tried on all the compliment to the spirit of the dian saris spicing up the bestprinting slogans on dresses. concern and merriment by the hard job of finding a new sending out a multicolored designer.

late designer. His ironic fashion selling tailored jackets did not view cannot be replicated by work on the runway. Fashion needs a point of view - and for You cannot capture his blend of that, the house will have to face

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Windfall Profits and Their Woes

By Sheridan Morley al Herald Tribuni

ONDON — The return of Terry Johnson's award-winning "Dead Funny" to the Savoy has made other new comedies of the season look curiously of another era: John Godber's "Lucky Sods" (at the Hampstead) is a desperately thin and repetitive account of a married couple for whom money proves unable, surprise surprise, to buy happiness. She buys the lottery ticket, he chooses the numbers, they win £4 million, he proves unfaithful, and she dies. That's about it across two hours, ex-

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cept for some minor characters who can only be given any real interest by having the same two actors play six of them.

players have cornered the regional market in no-frills touring with minimal sets and casts, but at the Hampstead they look desperately undernourished, as does

Better news at the Playhouse, where Ray Cooney has brought together some vintage farce players (Henry McGee, Charlie Drake, Trevor Bannister) for his own "Funny Money," which again concerns a man with a windfall, in this case £750,000 Broadway bandwagon. when he picks up the wrong case at a railway station.

What to do with the cash then becomes the excuse for a succession of classic farce confrontations with the forces of the law, as represented by wives and to see Victor still victorious. policemen. Cooney himself, as star, author and director, is now Brian Rix and the Ben Travers only people who ever liked team before that, but as a comic figure he is at his best having public, and watching an interthings happen to him rather than, as here, having to engineer jeans from 16 countries where the plot and drive it forward: a the show has triumphed in front natural stooge, he seems in need of 40 million people, it was also of a partner. For all that, this is a worth reminding those who still mechanical masterpiece of man- believe the RSC should not do ufactured mirth; just don't expect to relate to it.

While Johnson has established that you can be made to would not still be in existence. care about people in a farce. Cooney and Godber still just want us to laugh at them.

Writing this column exactly 10 years ago this week, I no-riced that I had just seen the stand out as the greatest of this is not the French "Oliver!" nor

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Godber and his Hull Truck lain Rogerson and Janet Dibley star in "Lucky Sods."

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barricades of its revolutions.

channeling it through trumpets

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half-century, just as "Porgy yet the musical "Nicholas and Bess" stood out for the first Nickleby," although it owes a fifty years of it. It was not at the time a popular view: colleagues told me I had taken leave of such critical facilities as I'd ever possessed, and that "Les and drums; it is dangerous Misérables" would merely brilliant and just the best. join a long list of disastrous attempts by our subsidized companies (it was taken at the stage from Broadway in 20 managed, but they never had to RSC's Barbican) to join the years. Jim Dale has now re- worry about the songs as well.

A decade later, watching on Sunday night at the Royal Albert Hall as a cast of 500 from all the worldwide productions of "Les Misérables" celebrated its 10th anniversary, it was good

Hugo himself had received terrible reviews when his book untry to first came out; in the 1840s, it "Les Misérables" national parade of Jean Valmusicals that without the £10 million the company alone has made from "Les Miz," it

The greatness of "Les Miz," as Sunday's concert performance yet again established, is that (like "Peter Grimes" and "Rigoletto" and "Sweeney Todd" but not much else), it musical of my lifetime thus far. lives on the borderlines where one which would, I believed, music theater is redefined. This

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placed Jonathan Pryce as Fagin in Lionel Bart's "Oliver!" An acrobatic and hugely likeable entertainer, he suggests the leader of a troupe of child street-entertainers rather than the evil old Jew of the Dickens novel, but that is a recurrent problem in the days since the Alec Guinness movie was seen in political correctness to be anti-Semitic. The truth is that we can't accept the full Fagin nowadays, and even if we could he would look out of place in a Palladium extravaganza.

Still on musicals, at the King's Head Sylvia Freedman and Michael Jeffrey have an inventive, small-scale biography of "Edmund Kean" that makes a virtue of that theater's minimal resources to create a tacky backstage center through a life often more dramatic in the wings than before the footlights. In a patchy cast, David Burt is just about charismatic enough to see us through some variable numbers.

The problem with a "Kean" musical, though, as Alfred Drake discovered on Broadway some 30 years ago, is that you have to lurch from Shakespearian highlights back to some sort of soap-operatic counterpoint At the London Palladium, in the dressing room: Alexan-his first return to the London dre Dumas and Jean-Paul Sartre

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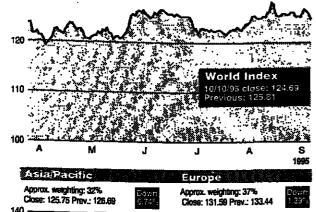
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Finance	117.37	118,28	-0.77	Consumer Goods	128.15	128.74	-0.46
Services:	118.34	119.76	-1.19	Miscellaneous	138.27	140.40	-1.52

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Gemina Shares Plunge

Deal to Proceed Despite Inquiry

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MILAN - Shares in Gemina SpA dropped 9 percent after they resumed trading Tuesday, and the company said it would go ahead with its plan to merge with Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA despite an investigation into unexpected losses at Gemina's publishing unit.

Gemina shares fell 77 lire Tuesday, to 670 (42 cents). Analysts and minority inves-

tors were critical of the secretive nature of the share-swap deal when the Ferruzzi merger pro-posal was announced at the beginning of September. Many have recently said the deal should be delayed following the announcement last week that the Milan district attorney was conducting raids at Gemina-con-trolled companies to investigate unexpected losses at RCS Editori SpA, the Gemina publishing unit better known as Rizzoli.

But Gemina executives said Tuesday that the merger pro-posal would go ahead as planned, and that the value of various share-swap rates would be made public by Oct. 20.

Under the plan, Gemina would swallow Ferruzzi Finanziaria and two subsidiaries of Fiat SpA.

The proposal has been criticized as an attempt to keep Italian commerce in the hands of an elite group of industrialists and bankers, including Mediobanca SpA, the powerful merchant bank which, along with the Agnelli family, controls Gemina.

Trading in Gemina stock was suspended by the stock-exchange regulator Consob Monday following the announcement Saturday that 10 executives of Gemina and RCS Editori are under investigation for allegedly covering up losses.

Lucas Awarded Nobel U.S. Economist Focused on Behavior

By Peter Passell New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Robert Lucas, a 58-yearold professor at the University of Chicago, has been awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science.

The Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences said he was "the economist who has had the greatest influence on macroeconomic re-search since 1970."

"Lucas deserves the recognition," said James Tobin of Yale, who was awarded the prize in 1981; "he changed the methodology of the profession," forcing a more disciplined look at the assumptions about human behavior that underlie economic models.

Macroeconomic theory, cast in the crucible of the Great Depression, rationalized the use of government fiscal and monetary tools to tame the ups and downs in the business cycle. It was assumed to be correct largely because it seemed to work.

Mr. Lucas went back to basics, asking how people would act in maximizing their own interests in the face of changing government policies. The more closely he looked, the less plausible it seemed that individuals would play by the Keynesian rules.

Keynesians assumed that a cut in interest rates would stimulate demand for a wide variety of products, increasing overall business activity. Mr. Lucas focused on the im-

PARIS - The franc

strengthened Tuesday, after Monday's emergency French

interest-rate increase, while

leading German government

officials continued to offer their

verbal support for the currency.

But currency traders said speculators would not hesitate

to hit the currency hard if the

French economy] are still mas-

sive," a Paris dealer said.

"There are too many Swords of

Damocles hanging over the

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chance arose.

French market.

Franc Firms in Wary Market

ernment is a dispute ever pay with public-sector workers who

staged a 24-hour walkout on

Tuesday. Analysts said Mr. Juppé would have to stand firm

against workers' demands for a

bigger pay package to convince the markets that France can re-duce public spending and cut its deficit to qualify for Europe-

New fears about France's

ability to restore financial order

have sent the franc into a tail-

On Monday, the Bank of

France increased short-term

rates by more than a full per-

an monetary union in 1999.

spin during the past week.

The most immediate chal-lenge facing Prime Minister making it costlier for specula-Alain Juppe's conservative gov-

pact of monetary stimulus on a single producer of, for example, toasters.

The immediate, positive impact on demand for toasters would lead to an increase in their market price, probably convincing the producer to increase output and hire more workers. But the monetary jolt would presumably have the same effect on thousands of other products, raising the cost of producing toast-crs more or less in proportion to the increase in potential revenue from their sales.

If producers are rational, they will learn from the error of assuming that the price of toasters will go up more than costs. After enough learning from changing government policies, the impact of monetary stimulus would cease to be predictable.

"Likeas was smart," said Greg Mankiw, an economist at Harvard: the incorporation of "rational expectations" in macroeconomic theory was just too good an idea to ignore. "But Lucas was also lucky," added Mr. Mankiw: the ideas came along in the mid-1970s, when the world was losing confidence in Keynesian fine-tuning.

After winning the Nobel prize, Mr. Lucas was quick to share the credit for his rationalexpectations theory with others. "Ed Prescott and Fom Sargent applied the ideas at about the same time," he said.

Helalso expressed disappointment that his work has done more to wreck the credibility of Kaynesian prescriptions than to create

Monday.

after the currency dived to a

five-month low, with the Deut-

The mark ended Tuesday in

Paris at 3.5085 francs, down

from 3.5104 at the close on

In Washington, the Bundes-bank's chief economist, Otmar

Issing reaffirmed the German central bank's view that the re-

cent drop in the value of the

French franc was unjustified. Mr. Issing said, "The fundamentals for the French franc are

quite strong and give no indica-

tion we should see developments

like what happened last Friday."

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sche mark at 3.5300 francs.

Gates Expands **Art Holdings** With Archive

By Mitchell Martin

The electronic library owned by Bill Gates said Tuesday it would add the Bettmann Arphotograph collections, to its growing digital art holdings. Corbis Corp., which is sepa-rate from Mr. Gates's Micro-

soft Corp., did not reveal a purchase price for the 16 millionimage Bettmann Archive, the collection in 1981. Hans Pewhich is being sold by Kraus the collection in 1981. Hans Pewhich is being sold by Kraus, a refugee from Vienna, was "one of the preeminent book dealers in the world," said million other images, including the artworks in the highly re"Hans had his business of garded Barnes Collection, which until it went on tour in

Companies said. Herbert spirit.

Gstalder, president of Krans Bett and director of Bettmann, said, There was just inescapable into the 21st century.

Mr. Gates founded Corbis in 1989 to provide digitized infor-mation. Adding Bettmann's im-ages to its database will make icense the images to publishers, um exhibition catalogues.

advertisers, movie producers, Among other Corbis holdadvertisers, movie producers,

Corbis said Bettmann had In addition, Mr. Gstalder said, and the Sakamoto Archive. it owns all the photos from the library of United Press International taken until 1990.

Finance Minister Theo Waias two suitcases of photographs tion and "tools that let you taken from Germany by Otto L. learn."

Bettmann. Mr. Bettmann had been a museum curator in Germany, but he lost his job in 1933 after the Nazis purged Jewish employees from government

jobs. In 1935, Mr. Bettmann archive, one of the world's largest rived in New York with his phophotograph collections, to its tographs and 10 marks cash. He began selling photos for one-time use to the new breed of picture-oriented news magazines such as Life and Look. Kraus Organization acquired

> "Hans had his business on 46th Street and Otto had his business on 57th Street, and for

1993 was rarely seen.

The deal will combine Bettmann's experience in selling photographs with Corbis's lead-tation. "He thought he was tation. "He thought he was ng-edge digital technology, the dealing with somebody of like

Bettmann will be run as a division of Corbis, with Mr. Gstalder remaining as director. logic in selling it to Corbis be- He said the sale came about cause Corbis can really take it because he knew Doug Rowan, the president of Corbis.

Kraus Organization also has three other divisions. One distributes government publica-tions, including those of UN agencies, the U.S. government, Corbis a leading supplier of images. Bettmann's photographs the European Union and Britand drawings are widely used to ain. A second unit publishes illustrate magazine and news- quality-management materials paper articles. Corbis plans to and the third distributes muse-

television programs and other ings, the company said, are images from the Library of Congress, the Philadelphia Museum particularly strong holdings in of Art, the National Gallery of images of dance, jazz, theater, London, the Philadelphia film and the history of science. Academy of Natural Sciences Mr. Gates said last month

that although he spent most of his time working at Microsoft The Bettmann Archive began he was also interested educa-

MEDIA MARKETS

World Reopens for U.S. Drama Series

By Richard Covington

ANNES - After years of steady decline, American television programs are leaping back into prime-time slots in networks in other countries and com-

manding higher prices. The major television producers, including Warner Bros. Inc., Twentieth-Century Fox Film Corp., the Walt Disney Co. subsidiary Buena Vista and the NBC, CBS and ABC broadcast networks stand to reap substantial profits from this resurgence and were out in force for the opening this week of an international television market here.

The Twentieth-Century Fox series "Murder One," for instance, was recently sold in Britain to the BBC and to BSkyB, the satellite network owned by Rupert Murdoch, for \$250,000 an episode, three times the normal rate for a one-hour show.

"Central Park West," a CBS series that is meeting with a lukewarm recep-tion in the United States in its first season, is proving to be one of the top sellers in overseas markets, according to Rainer Siek, president of CBS Enterprises Inc.

Even reruns from the 1950s such as "Rin Tin Tin," about the heroic exploits of a German shepherd, are being resurrected, garnering some of the highest ratings on the French channel La Cinqième. Overall, American producers are expected to earn around \$2.75 billion in

The main reason is the re-emergence of one-hour dramatic series with more realistic content, a product that European audiences have found more appealing than American situation comedies.

Interest internationally in series such as "E.R.," "The X-Files" and the recently launched "American Gothic" has outstripped that of U.S. audiences. Outside their own prime-time hours, European audiences are even turning to vintage American soap operas like "The Young and the Restless" and action series such as "Mission Impossible" and "Magnum." which continue to outperform local series despite government quotas designed to promote home-grown shows.

The re-emergence of the one-hour dramatic series has brought back the sort of enthusiasm that was prevalent in the 1980s with 'Dallas' and 'Dynasty,' "said Jeffrey Schlesinger, president of Warner Brothers International Television.

For years, producing these one-hour series for declining worldwide audiences had been too costly. Lately, however, revenue from international sales has been significant enough, Mr. Schlesinger said, to compensate for the decline in U.S. audiences.

Encouraged by the success of "Lois and Clark," which is among the top-rated series in Britain, Germany, Australia and Japan, Warner is negotiating for another series about the adventures of comic-book characters.

The growth of new television networks

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sales abroad in 1995, industry sources in Europe has made the political interest the commercial necessity of supplying programs to an increasingly voracious

The problem in the past may have been that the programs simply were not exciting enough," said John Agoglia, president of NBC International Television. In the latest crop of exports, the pacing has been greatly accelerated, he

NBC was busily marketing its block of youth programming here, with four se-ries revolving around groups of California high school students. The series have been successful on Britain's Channel 4 and the cable network TCC and have terated a market for merchandise related to the characters in many of the 80

countries where the programs are shown.
In France, the channel TFI has sidestepped quotas on American programming by signing up European partners for the next season of "Bay Watch." Beta Taurus, a subsidiary of KirchGruppe AG of Germany, will co-produce the venture with the French private network.

Fremantle Corp., the originator of "Bay Watch," is betting that its latest batch of comedy series will ride some of the same wave now lifting one-hour dramas.

"Comedies are harder-edged than they

used to be," said Paul Talbot, Fremantle's president and chief executive offi-Europeans can relate to them far better than the kind of unrealistic, whitebread comedy series Americans used to try to export."

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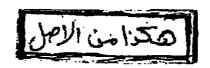


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Very briefly:

Rockefeller Center Bid to Be Cut

NEW YORK (AP) - The tussle for control of Rockefeller Center took an unusual twist Tuesday when a group that includes David Rockefeller and the investment firm Goldman, Sachs & Co. said it would lower its bid.

The Goldman group less than two weeks ago proposed buying the center's mortgage holder for \$7.75 a share, or \$297 million. But the investors said in a letter to the mortgage owner, Rockefeller Center Properties Inc., that they had been made aware of additional liabilities.

The group did not suggest a new price. It said, instead, it would need to meet with Rockefeller Center Properties.

• CoreStates Financial Corp. plans to acquire Meridian Bancorp Inc. in a deal valued at \$3.2 billion, the banking companies announced. The combined company would have assets totaling around \$45 billion and would serve eastern Pennsylvania, northern Delaware and central New Jersey.

• Healthsouth Corp. will acquire Surgical Care Affiliates Inc. for about \$1.2 billion in stock in a deal that Healthsouth said would make it the largest U.S. surgery center operator.

· Giancarlo Parretti, the fugitive Italian financier accused of mismanaging his 1990 purchase of the MGM studio, returned to the United States on Tuesday, pleaded not guilty to perjury charges and was released on \$100,000 bail.

• Wal-Mart Stores Inc. plans to open about 75 new discount stores and 110 new supercenters in the financial year beginning Feb. 1, many of the supercenters coming from relocations or expansions of existing discount stores.

 Weyerhaeuser Co.'s third-quarter net income slipped to \$94.8 million from \$144.4 million a year earlier, pulled back by a onetime charge of \$184.5 million for revaluation of some real estate assets. Operating profit rose to \$279.3 million, helped by higher paper and pulp prices and cost savings.

 Amoco Corp. and Shell Oil Co. plan to form a limited partnership that combines operations in the Permian Basin area of western Texas and southeastern New Mexico. AP, Renters, Bloomberg

Tuesday, Oct. 10

World Bank Chief Focuses on Poor

WASHINGTON — The president of the World Bank, James D. Wolfensohn, unveiled his new vision of the institution Tuesday, saying it would work harder to ensure that the projects it financed actually helped the world's poorest.

Mr. Wolfensohn also called for a compact between the bank, donor countries and borrowers.

"What we do, we need to do in partnership with the governments, the people with whom we work, and the broader communi-Mr. Wolfensohn said before his opening address to the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World

Mr. Wolfensohn said there was a vital need for the bank to adjust to a vastly changed world, increasing its focus on end results, not just on lending volumes.

This did not mean that the bank would cut back on its lending but rather that it would work hard to make certain that the loans achieved what they had set out to do. "I just want to do things well," he said.

In his speech to the opening plenary session that brought economic policymakers from more than 175 countries together, Mr. Wolfensohn said it was "time to break the armlock that, I sense, bureaucracy has placed on this institution.

Mr. Wolfensohn, who took over the helm of the World Bank in June after the death of Lewis Preston, said his priorities included securing funding for the International Development Association, or IDA, resolving the multilateral debt issue and deepening the effort to work with new partners.

He emphasized that it was critical that IDA, the bank affiliate that assists the very poorest countries, not have its funding badly cut back by budget-conscious wealthy countries.

He warned that cutbacks in funding for

the IDA, both in the U.S. Congress and if you talk to a man, he'll hold your hand, elsewhere, threatened the long-term viability of multilateral financing for developing multilateral financing for developing the same illiterate with same illiterate with the same illiterate with sam

Paul Blustein of The Washington Post reported earlier from Washington:

cies, few are more faceless than the World Bank Here, after all, is an institution full of economists who hold doctorate degrees and other intellectual civil servants from

various countries, dispensing loans for projects like flood protection in China's Yangtze River Basin or the privatization of state enterprises in Bolivia. But after 15 years of being led by a succession of presidents whose reserved de-

meanors matched the bank's gray image, the bank is getting the institutional equiva-

lent of a personality transplant from the blunt, Australian-born Mr. Wolfensohn, 61. Brimming with passion and earthy Aussie charm, Mr. Wolfensohn says he is bent on instilling the bank with a palpably human character — essential, he believes, to its primary mission of raising living standards in poor and developing countries that comprise four-fifths of the world's

Mr. Wolfensohn's broad vision of humanizing the bank already has become clear during trips to 25 nations that he has taken during his first four months in office. In word and deed, he has pounded home the message that the bank must be seen as caring first and foremost about "putting a smile on a child's face," as he phrases it.

"He wades into the slums, grabs people by the hand, and looks them in the eye," said Edward Jaycox, vice president of the bank's Africa region, a 30-year bank veter-an who accompanied Mr. Wolfensohn on a trip to five African nations in June. "I haven't seen any other president do that.

the World Bank, with some illiterate village chief, walking along holding hands, with an interpreter alongside. I can tell Among Washington's many bureaucra- you, my resident reps were touched by this kind of thing, and it has really started to affect their behavior."

It will take a lot more than just pressing the flesh for Mr. Wolfensohn to change a 10,400-person international bureaucracy that has had 51 years to entrench itself.

The bank has a highly refined atmosphere, one staffer noted, in which "you don't raise your voice. You don't even confront people. You sort of subtly knife

The bank's critics have long complained that the bank is too aloof, its personnel too caught up in gamesmanship and, as a result, too many of its loans fail to help people. Mr. Wolfensohn, who plainly agrees, often cites as an example a school the bank built in Malawi; it lacked a teaching staff and curriculum.

Even the bank itself has acknowledged the issue, while maintaining that its \$200 billion loan portfolio does a powerful amount of good overall. An internal critique in 1992 warned that the number of bank-funded projects experiencing "major problems" was rising alarmingly, in many cases because the bank had apparently designed and financed projects that countries didn't have the wherewithal to use property.

But the most commonly expressed view among staffers is that, whatever his faults, Mr. Wolfensohn represents the proverbial "breath of fresh air." His charismatic style, they say, offers hope of restoring a sense of mission the bank has not felt since the 1970s, when it was headed by Robert S. McNamara, the hard-charging former secretary of defense.

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said. Most major market indexes in Europe fell between 1 percent and 2 percent Tuesday.

European labor problems were highlighted Tuesday in France, where public-sector workers called a general strike to protest the government's plan to freeze their wages. The French stock market is

also suffering from the weakness of the franc, which has come under pressure because investors doubt the government's ability to enact unpopular deficit-cutting measures. The CAC-40 index fell less than half a percentage point on Tuesday, but it is trading at roughly the same level as in early 1993.

Asian markets also fell 1 percent to 2 percent Tuesday,

U.S. Stocks

largely reacting to the weakness Monday on Wall Street. Ms. Southey, who is generally bearish about stocks, suggest-

ed that Asian markets currently offer the best opportunities for equity investors because their economies are growing. She said the U.S. market was vulnerable to a decline after its rise so far this year.

"I think U.S. stocks have got to finally see this long-expected correction," she said. They have relied so heavily on the very strong earnings outlook and the delivery of earnings that if you take that factor away there isn't really very much holding the market up.

Weak earnings outlooks are pressuring the market for the time being, Mr. Ackerman agreed. While these are mainly concentrated in the technology sector, he noted that International Paper warned analysts Monday that its earnings were likely to be below expectations because of weaker-than-expected demand for cardboard boxes. The packaging industry's performance often shows a high correlation with the general

economy. Stock in Motorola fell \$5, to \$64, Tuesday, pressuring the entire stock market. This followed the sharp drop in the from post-World War II lows Dow on Monday that was triggered when Novell said its earnings would be as much as 40 percent below market esti-

> The software maker blamed that outlook on its failure to have sufficient programs to work with Microsoft's new Windows 95 operating system. but other companies have predicted mediocre performances

because of pricing pressures and questions about economic growth. Novell stock has fallen \$3.125 to \$14.25 in two days.

Mr. Ackerman pointed to the Nasdaq composite index, which comprises many leading technology issues. It peaked at 1,067.40 points on Sept. 13, but its fall of 1.27 points on Tuesday pushed it to 983.47. 8 percent below the record high. The index, though, is still up 30 per-

cent on the year. Along with the wary outlook from Motorola, the Semiconductor Industry reported late Monday that its book-to-bill ratio fell to 1.11 in September from 1.17 in August. That means that for each \$100 worth of chips shipped by the semiconductor companies, they had \$111 of new orders.

LM Ericsson's American depositary receipts fell \$1.125 to \$19.875 Tuesday. The Swedish company competes with Motorola in the market for wireless phones and other telecommunications equipment. Eriesson's fall put pressure on its home market in Sweden, where the OMX index fell nearly 2 percent on Tuesday, the sharpest drop among the major European markets. The index also contains several major forest-products companies.

ADRs of Nokia, the Finnish maker of telecommunications equipment, dropped \$2.875, to \$60.25.

Apple Computer fell 12.5 cents, to \$34.688. The Fidelity mutual funds sold about 10 million Apple shares in the third quarter, reducing their combined stakes in the computer maker to 2.51 percent from 10.97 percent, Bloomberg Business News reported. Apple said last month that its fourth-quarter sales would be limited, not because of economic concerns but because it could not make enough of its PowerPC computers to satisfy market demand.

Among active issues on the New York Stock Exchange, EMC stock fell \$3, to \$13.75 after the computer-storage-systems maker said pricing pressures were hurting its earnings.

Other active Big Board technology issues that showed losses were the computer makers IBM, which fell \$1,25, to \$90.75, and General Electric, which dropped 25 cents, to # \$62,625.

Among advancing issues, the chipmaker Atmel rose \$1.75, to \$29.875, after announcing strong third-quarter earnings. Central Parking, an international operator of parking facilities, closed at \$21.875 after going public at \$18.

High Low Close Prev.

FRANC: Currency Strengthens as German Officials Offer Verbal Support

"You know, in a lot of African villages,

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el of Germany said Tuesday that he believed that France was determined to meet the deadline for participation in a single currency. Mr. Waigel, speaking against the background of suspicions that France might not meet the deadline of Jan. 1, 1999, said France had made much progress in growth and stability in recent years.

"I believe in France's determination," he was quoted as saying by the Süddeutsche Zei-The French are going to a lot of trouble to meet the Maastricht criteria in time."

President Jacques Chirac of France said he was "convinced" that France would fulfill the criteria required to join the third ference in Madrid at the start of ing that the Maastricht treaty a two-day meeting with Prime contained "imprecise and also Minister Felipe González. Mr. Issing said that markets

would have more influence than politicians in selecting which countries meet the deadline for

Foreign Exchange

participation in a single European currency. This means "a difficult period" in the run-up to 1998 as markets keep watch on efforts by European Union members to ready themselves for joining the monetary union, he said

'Turmoil has to be expected," he said, citing the recent pressure on the franc. Reimut Jochimsen,

Bundesbank council member, stage of monetary union in raised doubts about the future flexible."
The British pound eased to 1999. He spoke at a news con- of a common currency, assert- (AFP, Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg) \$1.5781 from \$1.5860.

elastic" regulations on certain issues. Speaking at an industrial symposium in Munich, Mr. Jochimsen said it was therefore impossible to assume that monctary union would create a sus-

"To assume that the common currency will be at least as stable as the Deutsche mark would be premature, if not foolish," he said

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Mr. Jochimsen said the Maastricht Treaty foresaw only "relative price stability" and the common currency was "poorly protected" against other currencies. He also said that sanction mechanisms provided for by the treaty could prove "too weak, too cumbersome and far too

■ Dollar Ends Mixed

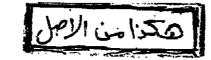
The dollar firmed against most major currencies, excent the French franc, on Tuesday amid wariness that central banks would buy it to back up a call from the Group of Seven industrial nations for a stronger U.S. currency, Bloomberg Business News reported from New York.

On Saturday, the G-7 said they would "welcome a continuation" of the dollar's recovery set earlier this year.

The dollar closed in New York at 1,418! Deutsche marks, up from 1.4120 at the close on Monday; at 100.725 yen, up from 100.425, and at 1.1483 Swiss francs, up from 1.1425. but it eased to 4.9595 French francs from 4.9615.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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General Electric To Buy AEG Unit From Daimler

FRANKFURT - General Electric Co. will buy the low-voltage operations of AEG AG from Daimler-Benz AG, Daimler said Tuesday. The terms of the sale were not disclosed.

The U.S. company will acquire AEG's three low-voltage switch-gear plants in the Ger-man cities of Neumunster, Hameln and Kiel. Daimler considers the plants a "nonessential" operation, which had 320 million Deutsche marks (\$226 million) of AEG's total 1994 sales of 10.3 billion DM. The operation employs 1,800 people in its three German-based factories. AEG AG, Germany's second-

laborst electronics group, has sold or shut down many of its components that were operating at losses in the past four years, including its household appliance unit, which was bought by Electrolux of Sweden.

The sale is another step in Daimler's strategy to "focus on core activities to improve long-term profitability," the compa-

The move is seen as a logical step since GE and AEG have been cooperating on product development and delivery in

low-voltage business since the start of 1995,

General Electric had said on Monday that it planned to buy parts of a German company but did not reveal its target.

"By linking this activity to our partner, the units are assured a significantly more promising competitive posi-tion," said AEG's chairman, Ernst Georg Stocki.

Analysts said the sale was part of AEG's campaign to focus on areas such as locomotive engineering, which are crucial for its parent company.

Traders generally greeted the announcement as good news for Daimler, though the industrial conglomerate's shares closed down 23 pfennig at 690.7

"It's basically good news," said Josh Waiblinger, regional sales manager at Berliner Handels -& Frankfurter Bank. They're getting rid of this particularly costly and useless appendage.

But he said that investors were disappointed because there had been speculation that Daimler would sell all of AEG.

(AP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

Russia Faces Meager Grain Harvest Despite Drought, Nation Vows to Be Self-Sufficient

By Michael Specter New York Times Service

MOSCOW - Scorched by a summerlong drought and plagued by years of bad farm management, Russia's fall grain harvest will be its worst in 30 years, senior government officials say.

"Russia has suffered seriously this year, but we will remain self-sufficient in grain until the 1996 harvest," Deputy Prime Minister Alexander K. Zaveryukha told the Interfax News Agency upon returning from Canada on Monday afternoon. "We will provide for our own

That will be possible, specialists here say, mostly because the Russian people have begun to provide for themselves. More than a third of all meat and nearly half the vegetables in the country are now produced privately in backyards or in communal garden plots.

For that reason, the predicted harvest of about 66 million tons of grain --- down from last year's anemic 80 million tons — will not lead to hunger, bread lines or the large-scale personal strife that often follows Russia's poorest harvests.

But the economic effects, particularly on farmers, will be severe. And the political consequences - a parliamentary election is scheduled for mid-December, just when price increases on meat and milk should hit consumers - are not expected to be comforting to President Boris N. Yeltsin's administration.

"I think the biggest effect of this really grim harvest will be known in Decem-ber," said Viktor F. Lischchenko, director of agricultural studies at the Academy of the National Economy of Russia and a former government adviser. "Nobody can do anything about a drought. But the policies of this government have for some time made a bad situation

"Now they will be forced to let prices rise or to support them when they shouldn't for political reasons before the election."

More than half of Russia's agricultural land suffered from drought this year. The poor crop will most seriously affect the quality and price of meat. Less grain means more expensive cattle feed. That will drive many farmers out of the market, because they cannot afford the cost of keeping their animals alive.

For a while it will become a buyers' market, because farmers will be forced to sell at low prices to get rid of their cattle. Then, once the animals are slaughtered. prices will rise sharply because supplies

Mr. Zaveryukha, the country's most senior agricultural official, has said over the past several weeks that Russia is prepared to import grain if necessary. But nobody wants that. Grain imports are an important emotional issue here: They suggest that the country, which is still largely rural, cannot feed itself with-

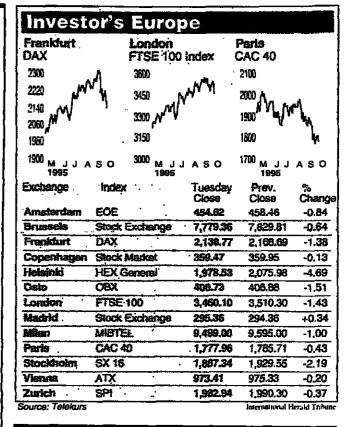
Russia's problems are deepened by the fact that the other two major regional

grain suppliers — Kazakhstan and Ukraine — have also had problems this year. In Kazakhstan, the harvest is expected to fall to 12 million tons from 19 million last year. Ukraine is hoping to stay even with its harvest of 1994, but last year's harvest of 35 million tons was far lower than the figure for 1993. It is unlikely that Ukraine will be able to help Russia with exports this year.

There are many reasons for the poor harvest beyond the weather. Although the collective farming system set up under communism has officially been dismantled, nothing coherent has taken its place. Independent farms have no real distribution systems or bank credit and their equipment is inadequate and aging. When crops do well and are harvested rapidly they have to sit so long before they can be transported to market that as much as 40 percent of raw grain rots in

Most important, perhaps, the property laws in Russia remain murky, discouraging people who do have money from buying a farm for fear they will not really own it. Finally, because the government is the biggest buyer of grain, it can keep prices low, meaning that many farmers cannot even recoup their investment.

"What has happened now will take years to set right," said Viktor I. Pa-shinin, vice chairman of the Association of Peasant Farms and Agricultural Co-operatives of Russia. "We have combined stupidity with bad luck and now we are in a big hole."



Very briefly:

North West Water PLC disclosed that it owned 12.14 percent of Norweb PLC and was extending its offer for the British regional electricity distribution company until Oct. 23.

• MATIF SA, the French international futures and options exchange, will supply information in English on the Internet about its products and services starting next Wednesday.

• Kaufhof AG's shares fell 26.5 pfennig, to 474.5 Deutsche marks (\$335) a day after the retail concern Metro of Switzerland announced it would merge its German units with Kaushof, a transaction that would involve changing the well-known Kaufhof

 Tryg-Baltica Forsikring AS's parent company, Tryg smba, plans to sell as much as a 30 percent stake in the Danish insurer on the open market in the spring of 1996. Tryg-Baltica, which was formed this year in a merger, also said it had a first-half net profit of 573 million kroner.

• The European Union's competition commissioner, Karel van Miert, will meet Monday with the French and German telecommunications ministers on the proposed Atlas joint venture involving Dentsche Telekom AG and France Telecom.

In South Africa, Ronald McDonald Isn't Himself These Days

By Donald G. McNeil Jr. New York Times Service

JOHANNESBURG -- In a court ruling that could pro-foundly discourage U.S. businesses planning to enter South Africa, McDonald's Corp. has lost the right to call its restaurants now under construction here "McDonald's."

A provincial court in Pretoria ruled Friday that the company had abandoned its trademark by failing to use it since it first registered it in South Africa in chain here and a hamburger 1968. It also closed two possible stand in Durban that has been avenues for U.S. corporations fighting for their trademarks: It held that McDonald's Corp.'s contention that it did not open apartheid sanctions made no

United States since it is unknown in South Africa.

The International Trademark Association said the decision full range of trademarks on its might be interpreted as turning first two restaurants in South South Africa into "a safe haven for trademark pirates."

McDonald's plans to appeal to a higher court. Also it hopes that the Registrar of Trademarks might reject the application by the winner of last week's lawsuit, a South African man who owns the Chicken Licken chain here and a hamburger operating under the name Mc-Donald's since 1978.

[McDonald's filed an applica-tion with the court Tuesday for leave to appeal the ruling. The Associated Press reported. It is belief that foreign companies

did not matter that McDonald's full appellate hearing should be is a household name in the held sometime next year.

[Getting the appeals process under way means that McDonald's can still use its name and Africa. They open on Nov. 16 in Johannesburg and Cape Town.]

The new South African government is even more upset about the ruling. It is very eager to attract U.S. investment and to get off the U.S. government's "watch list" of countries that do not adequately protect intellectual property. Trevor Manuel, the minister

of trade and information, said he would ask the Justice Ministry for a quick hearing of the appeal.
"It is the government's firm

difference, and it ruled that it likely to be granted, meaning a are entitled to proper intellectu-

al property protection," he said. the closest to owning the South to illegally imprison or ban dis-The U.S. Embassy has ex- African rights to Ronald Mc- sidents. In this case, the court pressed its "surprise, dismay and concern" over the decision.

may be even more hesitant than they are to invest in South Africa or open franchises. South Africans love things

with American cachet, and the country is full of logos that look Donald's, we will sue them for familiar but have something slightly off about them. There is a Toys 'R' Us chain with the R Samboros. Winning, he estibackward, but its mascot is a mated, would entitle his client blue elephant, not Geoffrey the to about 5 percent of the gross Giraffe. In the upscale Sandton sales of the outlets. City mall north of Johannesburg, there's a Spago's restau-rant that serves salad by weight, bias are behind the decision. a Ghirardelli's that does not sell chocolate and a Trumps that the

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Donald, Big Macs and even the golden arches themselves. Us-If George Samboros does ing the profits of his chicken win, other U.S. corporations franchises, he plans to open a chain of McDonald's here. "We will wait until we are the registered owner, and then, if

the American corporation opens a restaurant called Mctrademark infringement," said Sean Ryan, a lawyer for Mr. There is no reason to assume

South Africa has long had an independent judiciary, one that often overturned attempts by the apartheid-era government to protect them. For now, Mr. Samboros is

African rights to Ronald Mc- sidents. In this case, the court seems to be following the letter of the law, and McDonald's may have made serious legal errors over the years. McDonald's registered its

trademarks here in 1968, 1974, 1979, 1980, 1985 and 1993. But under South African law — as under U.S. and British — a company must use a trademark within five years to keep it. McDonald's never opened a

restaurant or licensed a franchise, and did not seem to have serious plans to do so until Mr. Samboros, in early 1993, asked the trademark office to grant him the McDonald's name.

McDonald's sued to stop him, arguing that the law said well-known companies need not use their trademarks locally

Property Business Sours Suez Result

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PARIS — Compagnie de Suez SA said Tuesday it posted a loss of 3.98 billion francs (\$801.9 million) in the first half, mainly because of weakness in its property business

The financial-services conglomerate earned a net profit of 795 million francs in the year-ago period. Suez said it increased provisions for its real-estate business and loans to 4.08 billion francs, from 1.76 billion francs a year earlier. The company took a one-time charge of 810 million francs related to asset depreciation and restructuring costs for the latest half, while a year ago it posted a one-time gain of 317 million francs.

Indosuez, the company's investment house, had a loss of 16 million francs, compared with a profit of 420 million a year earlier. Suez said it expected to break even for the second half and post a profit in 1996. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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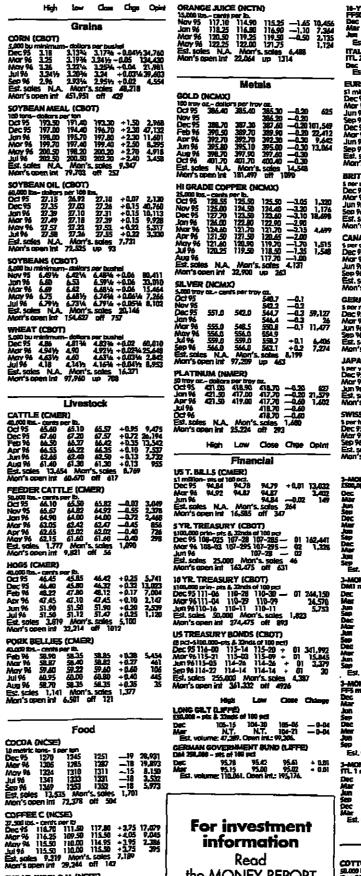
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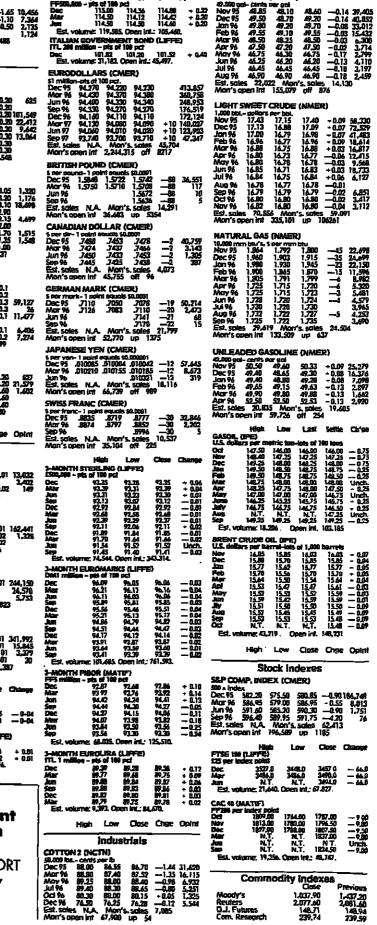
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Beijing Claims Credit for Slower Money Growth

anglong, said Tuesday the annually. As of the end of Aucountry had restrained spiraling prices and money supply but still faced "daunting inflationary pressures."

In his first muior briefing for

journalists since becoming gov-ernor of the People's Bank of and to help efficient enterprises. China in June, Mr. Dai ruled out although these changes would any near-term easing of credit.

"In the next few years the top priority of the People's ening of monetary policy.

In the last quarter of the Bank of China is to contain inflation and to control the relinflation and to control the rel-atively tight monetary policy to deposits and bonds" to further being down prices by a big mar-gm," he said.

We are confident we can keep inflation to below 15 percent this year," Mr. Dai said, adding that the target for next year would be 10 percent.

China and U.S. Reopen Talks on Copyright Issues

Agence France-Presse BEIJING — China and the United States have begun trade talks here centering on intellectual property rights and market

access, officials said Tuesday. Lee Sands, U.S. undersecretary for commerce, had a first working session Monday with officials of China's Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said. Mr. Sands will be followed next week by Commerce Secretary Ronald H. ered in April by Moody's In-Brown, who will take part in ioint economic commission

The China Daily, citing ministry officials, said copyright issues and market access would be ble for their own operations the main themes of this week's amounted to a reduction of state meetings, In March, Beijing and support for them. washington signed an agreeout pirating of U.S. computer banks.

and audiovisual products. Washington also wants Chi- at more than \$2 billion a month ed \$7.4 billion last year, but Washington puts the figure at \$29.4 billion.

China clamped down on cred-BELIING — China's new it last year as retail-price inflacentral bank governor, Dai Xi-tion reached a peak of 27 percent

In his first major briefing for ernment would increase loans not amount to a significant loos-

> In the last quarter of the year, the bank will issue 30 billion soak up idle cash, he said.

The central bank also will increase its participation in the government bond market to further control the money supply.

The so-called open-market operations, scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 1996, will help the central bank create a real money market, which they really need," said Huan Guocang, managing director of BZW Asia Ltd. in Hong Kong. 'It can create an interest-rate structure which reflects supply and demand.

Controlling money supply has been the key to controlling inflation, Mr. Dai said.

Cash in circulation, the measure known as M-0, was 15 percent higher in the first nine months of the year than a year earlier. But that growth rate was down from 26 percent in Jan-

uary-September 1994. Central bank officials also said the state would continue to support four specialized banks whose credit ratings were lowvestors Service Inc.

The New York-based rating company said China's effort to transform the four banks into commercial entities responsi-

But the officials said China's ment on intellectual rights under burgeoning foreign currency re-China's reserves have grown

help cut a trade imbalance at the end of September, acheavily in China's favor. Bei- cording to the deputy central jing says its trade surplus with bank governor, Zhu Xiaohua.

Murdoch Issues Profit Warning

'Flat,' Chairman Says of News Corp. Earnings

By Kevin Murphy national Herald Tribun

HONG KONG - Faced with rising world newsprint prices and weaker earnings at the Fox television network in the United States, Rupert Murdoch said Tuesday that News Corp.'s profit might have fallen in its latest quarter.

The announcement, made at the company's annual meeting in Adelaide, Australia, helped drive News Corp. shares down 20 Australian cents to finish at 6.76 dollars (\$5.16) in Sydney trading, a fivemonth low.

"Flat," Mr. Murdoch told reporters after the meeting, describing the com-pany's profit expectations for its first quarter, which ended Sept. 30. Earnings could even decline a little," he said.

For the full year, "we expect to have some increase" from last year's earnings of 1.37 billion dollars, Mr. Murdoch said. That figure was up 2.3 percent from the year before. But if the economy "keeps going slow in America," he said, "we may even have a flat vear

Many investors had already anticipated some of the problems, such as possible rebates to Fox advertisers for poor broadcast ratings, the risk of a further 10 percent increase in newsprint prices in the coming year and signs of weaker advertising in the United States, confirmed Tuesday by Mr. Murdoch.

\$80 million this year — twice the previous growth of BSkyB. loss estimate — and probably more next year took many analysts by surprise.

The mounting red ink at STAR TV by no means matches the losses amassed in the early days at British Sky Broadcasting Group PLC, now a profitable operation.

At one point, losses at BSkyB reached £14 million (\$22.2 million) a week as the company struggled to attract customers to its pay-television format. The network, of which News Corp. owns 40 percent, reported a pretax profit in August of £155 million for its latest year.

But a lack of disclosure about the financial condition of STAR TV has created a black hole for analysis trying to redict how substantial losses will be at the Hong Kong-based network and how long they will represent a drag on earnings for its parent.

"Trying to figure out the true picture at STAR is like trying to wrestle with a column of smoke," an analyst at a brokerage in Melbourne said. "At this point there is not nearly enough information available to make a full assessment of

how it's going."
STAR TV executives refuse to discuss earnings from advertising sold on satellite broadcasts seen from Japan to the Middle East or from pay channels in India, Taiwan and elsewhere, or its costs of programming and distribution on cable-television systems across Asia.

financials, but we've always acknowledged that we would suffer losses as we the payoff will emerge. But the chairman's statement that built the business." a STAR TV spokes-News Corp.'s wholly owned Asian satel- man said, likening the development prolite broadcaster, STAR TV, would lose cess to the costly but eventually profitable

Analysts are becoming increasingly impatient with the lack of data.

"The company gives us no real fi-nancial information on STAR at all," said Terry Povey, an analyst with James Capel in London. "It is a major problem now, and it will be a bigger problem going forward.

"I'd much prefer realism from the company on a regular basis as opposed to a cold shower every two years." said Mr. Povey. who agrees with many other analysts that STAR TV's dominant position in a rapidly growing market of vast potential should serve it well it in the long run.

Successful expansion at STAR TV, which has a considerable lead on other Western entertainment companies trying to penetrate the Asian market, is widely seen as a key to News Corp.'s efforts to create a truly global franchise for pro-gramming created by the Fox network and its Twentieth Century-Fox film di-

The expected returns on the STAR TV investment should be well worth the wait, many analysts say.

"This is a company that is prepared to bet heavily when it thinks it is right," a broadcasting executive based in Hong Kong said, "and so far, wherever they've taken the plunge, they've been proven right eventually."

Still, the company's ambitious expan-'We've never, ever commented on our sion in building up the Fox network has made analysts wary of predicting when

> On Tuesday, Mr. Murdoch announced that News Corp. was interested in buying at least 12 more television stations in the United States, with one such purchase likely to be announced before the end of

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 Asia Business News said Dow Jones & Co. and Tele-Communications Inc. had acquired SIM Ventures' 10 percent of the satellite broadcaster, raising their joint holding to 98.5 percent.

New companies in China have been prohibited by the State Council from engaging in pyramid selling, plugging a loophole that provided the opportunity for rampant price rises and fraud-

 Taiwan's three big state-run banks posted mixed results between July and September, with two - First Bank and Hwa Nan Bank - showing a decline in profits and one - Chang Hwa

 AT&T Corp. has opened a new company that will provide access to the Internet in Asia; AT&T Internet Services is available immediately in Japan and Hong Kong, and will start up in Australia later this year.

• Sun Alliance Group PLC plans to form a general insurance joint venture in India with the financial services arm of the Murugappa Group to take advantage of the expected liberalization of the insurance industry there.

• China International Trust & Investment Corp. has been authorized to open a brokerage firm by the People's Bank of China, Xinhua news agency said.

Seoul Curbs Firms' Investment Abroad

SEOUL — The government introduced curbs on foreign investment Tuesday that may prompt some South Korean companies to scale down or delay projects.

The Ministry of Finance and Economy said companies investing more than \$100 million overseas must put up at least 20 percent of the investment cost from their For investments of less than \$100 mil-

lion, the companies must come up with at least 10 percent of the money, the ministry which China undertook to stamp serves still stood behind the said. Previously, there was no such min-

South Korean business organizations criticized the move, saying it would force na to further open its markets to this year to reach \$69.8 billion them to borrow more money at home at high interest rates rather than in overseas capital markets. Interest rates are around 13 percent in South Korea.

banks," Mr. Zhu said after the good to the strengthening of economic

the Federation of Korean Industries, the nation's largest business organization.

Samsung Electronics Co., the nation's largest electronics maker, said it would revise its plan to build a \$1.3 billion semiconductor plant in Austin, Texas, to meet the new regulations.

A company spokesman said Samsung originally planned to raise the money abroad but now would have to come up with at least \$250 million from its own "It would make more sense for us to

borrow all the funds overseas because money is much cheaper there than here." the spokesman said. "But we have to live by these rules. The ministry said the measure and other

new rules were designed to keep the nation's

competitiveness and globalization," said vestments, particularly by high-tech com- analysts said.

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panies, have soared recently as part of a drive toward global expansion.

The companies invested \$2.3 billion abroad last year, or 85 percent more than a year earlier, and more than \$2 billion in the first eight months of this year.

Major recent overseas investments include Samsung's \$370 million purchase of AST Research Inc., a California-based personal computer maker, and the proposed \$350 million purchase of Zenith Corp. by G Electronics.

The new rules, which government of-ficials previously indicated they wanted to impose, went beyond expectations by saying that companies' payment guarantees for overseas subsidiaries should not exceed 50 percent of the parent's net worth.

That restriction was of concern to foreign debt from snowballing and to pre- Hyundai Electronics Industries Inc., which vent an exodus of high-technology and has planned a \$1.3 billion semiconductor South Korean companies' overseas in- company's net worth is only \$560 million,

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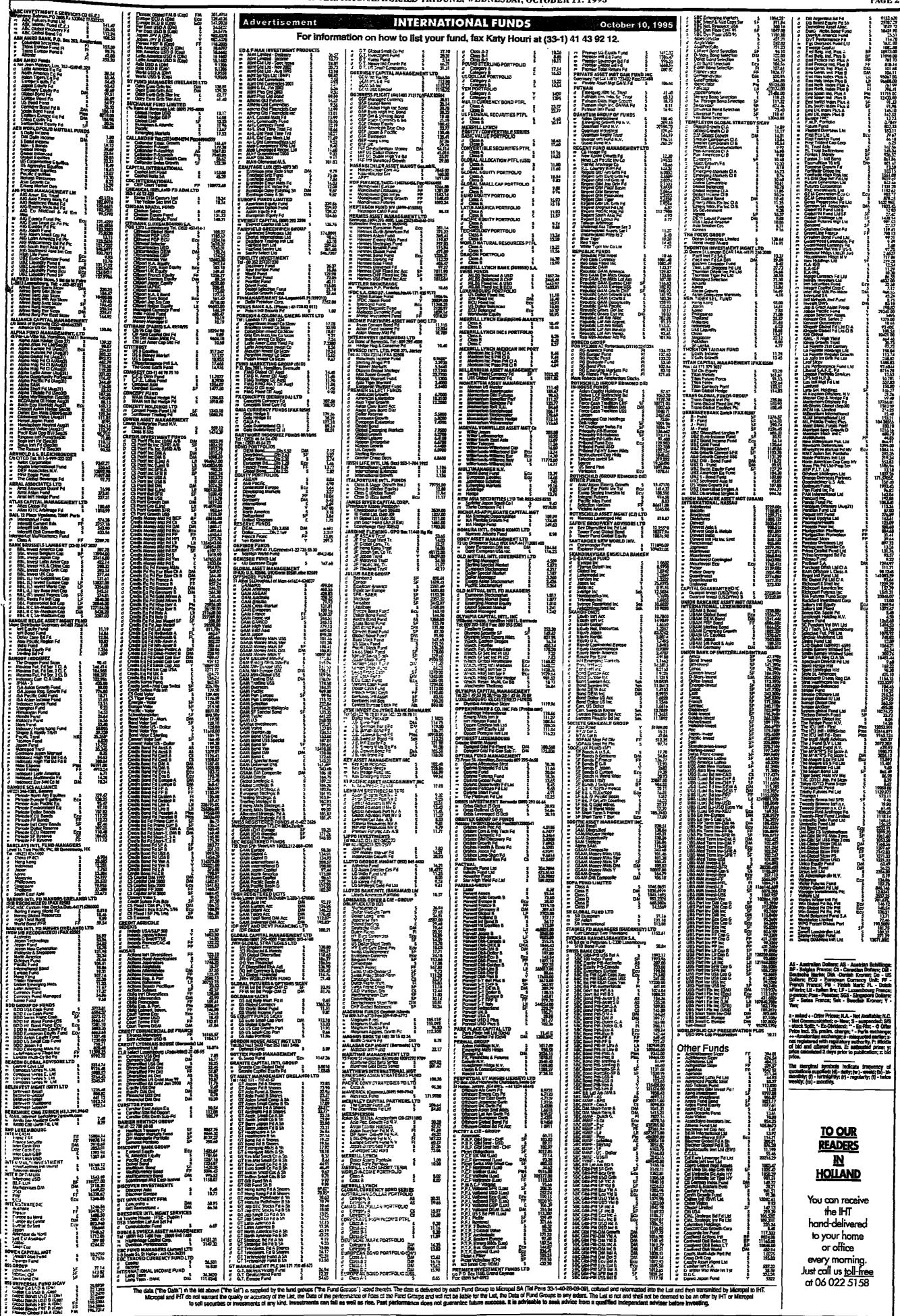
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The Penguins' Duo Is Again Dynamic

The Pittsburgh Penguins'

Against the Colorado Avalanche, Lemieux and Jagr got four goals and four assists to eight in just two games. as the Penguins battled to a 6-6 Jets 4, Mighty Ducks 3: Igor as the Penguins battled to a 6-6 tie Monday night.

'Personally, it was a night of frustration," said Colorado defenseman Craig Wolanin.
"Against a team like Pittsburgh, with Lemieux, who can single-handedly dominate a game, then throw in Jagr and

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Ron Francis and you have your hands full. They're a powerful,

With Colorado leading, 3-1, the Penguins scored three goals in a 1:27 span of the second period. Lemieux assisted on the first, passing the puck to Tomas who beat Avalanche goalie Jocelyn

side, knotting the score, and Pittsburgh moved in front, 4-3,

when Jagr struck at 3:37. in the period, taking a pass from Jagr and scoring Pittsburgh's fourth goal in nine second-pe-

Still, Colorado refused to fold. Joe Sakic had two goals Brian Holzinger's goal 6:49 in-and a pair of assists for the to the third period, but Avalanche, but had two chances turned aside with less than two minutes remaining in

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overtime. His second goal gave Colorado a 6-5 lead late in the dynamic duo, Mario Lemieux third period, a lead that evapand Jaromir Jagr, are picking up orated when Jagr intercepted a where they left off two seasons crossing pass and scored with 2:28 left.

Jagr's two goals and three assists ran his season point total

Korolev's goal ended a third-period tie for host Winnipeg. It was Korolev's fourth goal and fifth point in just two games this

But only 7,856 fans showed up to watch a team that is heading south of the border at the end of the season.

Red Wings 5, Canucks 3: Second-period power-play goals by Dino Ciccarelli and Keith Primeau led to Detroit's victory in Vancouver.

Playing their third game in four nights, the Wings also got goals from Steve Yzerman, Martin Lapointe and Vladimir

The loss was the Canucks' season-opener and the first reg-Thibault from in close.

Twenty-five seconds later,
Lemieux struck from the right

de, knotting the score, and ittsburgh moved in front, 4-3, hen Jagr struck at 3:37.

Lemieux scored again later

Chrétien, packed the arena on Canada's Thanksgiving Day.

Bruins 5, Sabres 3: Ray

Bourque and Joe Mullen scored 70 seconds apart on a power play in the third period to give Boston its first victory at the new FleetCenter.

The Sabres took a 3-2 lead on Holzinger's interference penalty less than a minute later allowed Boston to come back.

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SABAE, Japan (AP) - Tiny Mo Huilan, after some nagging near misses, turned in a superb balance beam performance with a 9.900 Tuesday for her first gold medal as China finished the world gymnastics championships with the most medals: three golds, six silvers and one bronze.

China won the men's team title and Li Xiaoshuang was the men's all-around champion. Ukraine's Lilia Podkopayeva, the women's all-around cham-pion, finished with two golds and two silvers after tying for second on the beam behind Mo.

For the Record

Steffi Graf has dropped out of the Brighton tournament this month and is unlikely to play again until November, her lawver said Tuesday. (AP)

Roy Lassiter, the U.S. soccer team player, was sentenced in Raleigh, North Carolina, to 30 days in jail — to be served over the next nine months as part of a 10-year suspended prison term—for breaking into a house while a college stu-

Lisa de Villiers, the 14-yearold South African banned for four years this year for taking an anabolic steroid, has tested positive again for the same subtance. (Reuters)
Dan Marino could be side-

lined for two games following arthroscopic surgery on torn cartilage in his right knee, the Miami Dolphins said. (NYT) Tommy Lasorda, 68, will return as manager for his 20th season, the Los Angeles Dodgers announced. (AP)

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A Respite From the War

Yugoslavia erupted into fire and sound. More than 40,000 voices shouted "Torcida Cro-atia!" Red flares were lit. fire crackers unleashed as is through sport. they sought to drown five years of war in a celebration of sport.

Rarely, over a quarter of a century, has one witnessed such fervent nationalism as was seen at Sunday's soccer game between Croatia and Italy. Ticker-tape rained down and spectators passed a 40-foot flag over their heads until President Franjo Tudjman himself laid hands on the national colors.

There followed some regrettable hissing at Italy's anthem. There followed a nervy, tetchy match in which Italy's goalkeeper was sent off, seven players were cautioned and the score of 1-I came from a free kick and a penalty.

Yet Croatia, now with 20 points, is virtually assured of reach-

ing the 1996 European Championships finals. Italy, with 17 points and a game in hand, also expects to qualify. So the draw suited both, and it showed. Yet with respect to the Italians, masters of the art

of qualifying with meanness of spirit, "neutrals" like myself were drawn to Croatia's experience. Heavens knows, soccer is nothing more than a pin prick compared to the mortars of war. Sunday converted sport into an expression of nation-hood, but no one pretends that playing games

influences the war lords. The affair was symbolic, just as are bullet holes in a stadium shaped like a concrete sea shell. People say 15 shells from Serbian guns 200 meters away were fired over the Catholic church and onto the pitch - and not one exploded.

But the firing on Split lasted barely three days. The medieval city is largely untouched, the shops stocked, the strolling gait of residents belies the CNN images from war zones.

Curiously, the only serving soldier on either

new darling of Italian aficionados. He eams a basic salary of \$1.8 million, but still has to fall into line with at least nominal army conscription.

Croatians, however, encourage exclusion SPLIT — As night fell on Croatia and a full, from military service for young men with gifted huminous moon rose over the Adriatic, feet. "Sport today belongs a little bit to the Poljud Stadium in this southern port of former politic," explained Tomislav Ivic, the national team director. "We need to make a big promotion, and the best promotion for a new country

"Four years ago, when the war was starting, we sold the top players. During these four years they reached the highest levels in Europe and so we have in this moment a very good, experienced

The eyes of some team members reflected the nation's expectation. One could hear, just, the

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fears of a man close to them.

"Beating Italy twice." said Ivan Katalinic, referring to Croatia's surprising 2-1 victory in Palermo last year, "just doesn't happen. With our best 11, maybe, but we are without four top players. If we finish level, it will be all we dare

Katalinic, former goalie on the Yugoslav national team, now the trainer of Croatia's best club, Hajduk Split, is more than a decent prophet. He has groomed some of this generation; his job at Hajduk is to build sides where players sign

through the fingers like sand.

Earlier this year, Hajduk won the Croatian league, the cup, the super cup, and finished eighth in Europe's Champions' Cup. Six of the players were quickly sold, and Hajduk is now giving trials to two Liberians and an Australian. such is the relative low wage and the infinite

search for replacements. Yet rather than resent or begrudge players their indemnity from fighting or their capacity to earn abroad ten times the salary at home, people identify with them. It reads well in Split, in Zagreb and maybe, if the hopelessness if lifted, even in Sarajevo, that Davor Suker, Zvonimir Boban, Alen Boksic and others are running in the red and white checked national shirts for noth-

They will earn a bonus of \$50,000 per man and only if, they reach the Euro 96 tour-land on Croatian soil Curiously, the only serving soldier on either is a homecoming, since only goalkeeper Drazen side happened to be Alessandro Del Piero, 20, the Ledic is based with a club in Croatia's league.

Boban, struggling to stay on Milan's all-star side, is the captain whose drive, hunger and direction gave everything to Sunday's vital

point. People of a country who know only too well how to use the word courage apply it to Boban. They tell of how, seeing children being beaten by police truncheons, he remonstrated with the Serb militia and acmaily kicked one cop.

And, when your team is a goal down, when it is apparent that the weight of expectation is draining the players, there is one man especially on whom.

Croats rely. Fourteen times Suker has played for Croatia, 15 times he has hit the net, speeding in from the right with obvious control and direct intent.

When his moment came in Sunday's match to take a penalty, when tension reduced the roar to a hush, it was with disbelief that I noted Suker taking the shot with his left foot, since he is predominantly right-footed. He outwitted the goalkeeper, wrong-footed him to use a soccer phrase, and stroked the

The cold nerve of that man in that cauldron was reason enough to be there, though the travel advisories recommend we stay out of Croatia. Admittedly, sport can only gloss over the horrors of war, but even so, for a day and a night, it allowed us to breath more tolerance than our political masters sometimes would like. "Zivjeli," as the Croats say. "Cheers."

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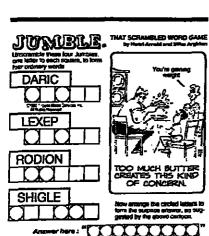
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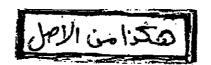




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For Those Zany but Talented Reds, a Job Can Hinge on Going to the Dogs

By Bob Nightengale

Los Angeles Times

CINCINNATI — This baseball-crazed town has an owner who loves her St. Bernard, hates her manager and is ridiculed by most of baseball.

It has a 34-year-old general manager who received death threats for firing Tony Perez, who hired a manager who had, in effect, been blackballed from the game, and who has alienated most of his peers.

It has a manager who is considered among the finest in the game, whose ego kept him out of baseball for three years and who already has been told that, because he lived with his wife before they married, he will be fired when the season ends.

It has a third-base coach who has been told he will be next year's manager, who menly talks about his plans for the team and is being hired mostly because the owner likes his famous wife,

And this group presides over one of the best teams in baseball. The Cincinnati Reds be confused with the original Schottzie.

best-of-seven Championship Series. The winner advances to the World Series.

"We're just going to have to forget all of the other stuff that goes on around here and win us a championship," outfielder Jerome Walton said. "I mean, it's crazy. You got a manager who wins the division, wins the first round of the plausiffs and row he's out first round of the playoffs and now he's out of here? I thought if you win you get to keep

"It's different around here, I'll say that. It's like, she brings that dog out, you rub the dog, she says, 'Good luck,' and then you go out and win. "The dog's cool. The dog don't mess with anybody. It's a sweet dog. Who knows, man, we win this whole thing, that dog might be more famous than Lassie. It'll be the only

dog in the world with a World Series The dog, of course, is Schottzie 02, not to

Game 1, against the Atlanta Braves in the some of the dog's hair and rubs it on the

worry about dog hair. When Schott rubs it on her players and coaches, she skips him. Schott has no love for Johnson. She hired Perez to manage the team when Lou Piniella fled Cincinnati after the 1992 season. Then, Schott was suspended by the acting commissioner, Bud Selig, for racist and anti-Semitic remarks.

General Manager Jim Bowden used the opportunity to fire Perez 44 games into the 1993 season and hire Johnson. Schott, along with the rest of Cincinnati, was furious with the decision but, since she was suspended, could do nothing about it.

"If Marge wasn't suspended, Davey

are competing for the National League
The original died in 1991 and was buried in Johnson wouldn't be managing today."

year. Third base coach Ray Knight, who is pennant, which began Tuesday night with her yard, but owner Marge Schott saved said Bowden, whose brashness has made married to professional golfer Nancy Lopez, whose brashness has made to the professional golfer Nancy Lopez, and the profession him a nonfavorite of other general manwe are. I'm not saying we never would have everyone understood the situation, the won with Tony, but it would have taken moves were spelled out in everybody's confour or five years. We needed an experienced winner to run the team right away. "I had to make that move, and if it didn't

work, I was finished.' Johnson, fired by the New York Mets after the 1990 season, went jobless until Bowden hired him. He had won at least 90 games in five seasons and 100 games twice, had won two division titles, a pennant and a World Series, but other general managers considered him a risk because of his considerable ego. Bowden took the chance, though, then watched him guide the Reds to first place in last year's strike-shortened season, then to the division title this year.

Even so, Schott couldn't stand him. Bowden talked her out of firing him a year ago, but only temporarily. Johnson could come back, Schott said, but for only one more

him a nonfavorite of other general man-agers. "We also wouldn't be sitting where come manager in 1996. Just to make sure tract and publicly announced.

Only now, with the Reds on the brink of a World Series appearance, is it becoming an issue.

"It's not a distraction but it's become a real pain," Bowden said.

"Ît's not a distraction because we won't allow it to be. It's just like having a big brother leave for college. You know it's going to happen, you prepare for that day, but it's still hard to see him go.

'When Lou Piniella left here, he was a great manager and is winning again.
"When Davey leaves here, he'll win again. Ray Knight will be a good manager.

too, down the road. Johnson has been offered a job as a consultant to the team but says the only consulting he will do is on a golf course.

owner who spends no money on marketing, refuses to scout outside the United States, will spend \$38 million on player salaries but keeps track of paper clips.

Johnson already has spoken with several general managers. The Baltimore Orioles have asked permission to talk with him. The St. Louis Cardinals are waiting.

He jokes about how the elephants from the Cincinnati 200 has been to Schott's house more than he. In fact, he says, the only time he was ever invited there was for the annual team party.

"I made my rounds and snuck out the back door," Johnson says. "Hey, what are you going to do? That's just the way it is. It

doesn't do me any good talking about it.
That's just the way it is here."
Said outfielder Ron Gant, who signed with the Reds after having been with the Braves, "They told me things would be different in Cincinnati.

"You know something? They were

AL Title Matchups: Bombs Away

New York Times Service MARINERS

Pitching Just as in the division series, Randy Johnson, Seattle's No. 1 starter, won't be able to pitch until the third game of this bestof-seven playoff, which began Tuesday night; that means he will get two starts at most. The pitching plans were jumbled they will include Chris Bosio, they will include Chris Bosio, with his rifle-like right arm. But Andy Benes and Tim Belcher. everybody runs on Vince Cole-The relief corps faltered against man's arm. Catcher Dan Wilthe Yankees

Hitting

New York Times Service

BRAVES

Pitchine

seem out of sync, not able to use

Greg Maddux in Game 1. But

Tom Glavine is not a bad sub-

stitute, having a better post-sea-

son record than Maddux, a 13-1

season, .571 against the Yan-kees) and continues with Ken Griffey Jr., Jay Buhner (5 homers in 9 games against the Indians), Tino Martinez and still more. The Mashing Mariners hit 11 homers against

the Yankees. Fielding Griffey climbs walls at a sinson is not easy to steal against, while second baseman Joey Co-

It starts with Edgar Martinez ra led the league with 23 er-(league-high .356 during the rors. NL: Pitching vs. Poise

> Pitching Lefthanders all the way, with

is year, and Maddux, 2-1 against them, are not bad al- record and 7.50 ERA shows. ternatives for Game 2. Offense Offense Awakened in division series. but the Rockies'_pitching will do that for you. Chipper Jones,

feeling no rookie nerves, hit .389 in five games. Marquis Grissom, shaking off the least

productive regular season in his career, batted .520 in four games. Fred McGriff, who saw his average dip 40 points from 1994, had two home runs and 5 RBIs on Saturday. Defense Will never be considered as slick as Cincinnati's. It won't of reconstructed leg and has

help if heady Jeff Blauser, who missed final game of the first round of playoffs with an ankle injury, can't start or is less effective at shortstop. He said he would play Tuesday night. Dit-to David Justice, although the right fielder's knee, injured by a foul ball, blew up like a balloon after the game Saturday.

At first glance, Atlanta might Davey Johnson lining up southpaws Pete Schourek, John Smiley and David Wells for first three games in an attempt to negate the Braves' power hit-ters McGriff and Justice. mark at Riverfront Stadium and Schourek, 18-7 on the season Smoltz, 3-0 against the Reds acteristically

Ron Gant and Barry Larkin tore up the Braves' pitching this year, hitting 333 and 348, respectively. They drove in 14 runs in 13 games, and between them hit a six home runs. Larkin scored 11 runs.

Defense Turf teams are raised to defend the field. When you start with Larkin at short, that represents excellence right there. The acquisition of Darren Lewis makes center field look golden. Gant shook off effects

made circus catches this year. SEASON SERIES The Braves took 8 of 13 from the Reds. That they won 5 of 7 in Cincinnati means that they merely solit six at home. Mc-Griff also cautions that most of the damage was done early, before pitchers shook off the rust left by short spring training.

Pitching

The Indians had the league's lowest earned-run average (3.83), the only one under 4.00, and they did even better (1.74) against Boston last week. Even more to their advantage, their starters are rested and ready to pitch in order: Dennis Margle bound to turn home runs tinez, Orel Hershiser, Charles because of the demands in the into outs, and Buhner turns Nagy. Edgar Martinez had only series with the Yankees, but would-be doubles into outs one hit in 10 at-bats against Nagy while hitting .361 against the rest of the league. Jose Mesa, who had a league-leading 46 saves, closes games.

Hitting
Led by Albert Belle (50 homers, 52 doubles, 126 RBIs, .690 slugging percentage), they led the AL in runs scored and hitting with a lusty .291 average. Belle has plenty of help from Manny Ramirez (4 homers against Seattle), Eddie Murray, Carlos Baerga, Kenny Lofton and others. Five players contributed more than 20 homers each to the league-leading total of 207.

Finally, something they didn't lead the league in. Carlos Baerga's 19 errors were one reason, though he's a better secis 18-6 vs. Cincinnati. John and seldom rattled, was unchar- ond baseman than that indiineffective cates. Lofton was among the runners from the outfield and, like Griffey, catches everything. Shortstop Omar Vizquel is the Mariners' contribution to the infield; they traded him two years ago for payroll reasons. SEASON SERIES

It was most indecisive, the Indians winning five times, the Mariners four, with each team winning twice in the other team's park. That was a feat, because both teams are difficult to beat at home (the Indians were 54-18 there, the Mariners 46-27). They played two fourgame series, and neither won two in a row.

These matchups for the American and National League championships series were prepared by Murray Chass of The New York



ANOTHER NOMO? — Japanese pitcher Masuni Kumata, arriving in Los Angeles for an operation on his pitching elbow, will have his contract with the Tokyo Giants expire next year; many are speculating that he may try to follow the Dodgers' pitching sensation this year, Hideo Nomo, to the major leagues.

By ending his three-day

training camp holdout and mak-

ing a long-term commitment

Monday to the Bullets, Webber

became the cornerstone of a

franchise that has not made the

(2.08-meter) forward, just 22

years old, cope with the pres-

sure and expectations created by his contract? Can he undo

the damage to his image that

resulted from last year's feud

with Don Nelson, a rift that

fired as Golden State's coach and to Webber's being traded to

'A lot of people don't know

when New York and Washing-

ton meet in a preseason game in

figure that I must be, even

'People see me pictured in a

Charleston, South Carolina.

Can the 6-foot, 10-inch

playoffs since 1988.

the Bullets?

A Wealthier Webber, Enriched Bullets

contributed to Nelson's being 6-10 center from North Caroli-

my character," said Webber, has been nagged by injuries. He who will see Nelson, now the missed Sunday's practice with

Knicks' coach, Thursday night a sore left foot, a recurring in-

Wallace and Don MacLean, the Bullets may be the league's most-improved team.

Wallace and Don MacLean, the and I don't miss games. Those which gave him great leverage things, I'm going to have to in contract negotiations. Washington also dealt next year's

because of the contract. When

John Nash, the Bullets' gen-

eral manager, has greatly up-

graded the team by trading for Price, an All-Star point guard, and drafting Wallace, an athletic

But questions remain. Most

of the Bullets are young and inexperienced. Price, who is 31,

jury. And Price and Howard

season, meaning the Bullets

will have to spend even more

money to keep them.

will see me as I am.

erybody, but hopefully, people first-round pick to get Price,

you mess up, people will say, be their team for the rest of the 'He's making that amount of decade, and Abe Pollin, the

money.' That comes with the owner, sounded like the Bul-

territory. But then again, on some nights I think I'll be worth it."

lets, coming off a 21-61 season, had a title already wrapped up.
Webber, looking fit, said he

will be free agents after this their only title, in 1978.

The Bullets traded three first- I'm happy. This is where I want

"Yes, I do feel extra pressure the salary cap for years. But the Bullets expect this to

Chiefs Roar Back To 3d OT Victory

86-Yard TD Stuns Chargers

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches KANSAS CITY, Missouri — Several dozen grown men dropped to the floor of Arrowhead Stadium just before midnight, sobbing and praying and beating their hands on the grass.

And those were the winners. The play was that astounding. The results that unthinkable.

"This." declared Joe Phillips of the Kansas City could have done it as well." Chiefs, "was divine interven-

With an 86-yard nudge from

Tamarick Vanover. down with 7:27 elapsed in overtime gave the Chiefs a stunning 29-23 victory Monday night over the San Diego Chargers in a stadium that may still have

been shaking Tuesday. The Chiefs, who matched a National Football League record with their third overtime Leslie O'Neal. victory this season, tied the score with 15 seconds left on a 78-yard drive engineered by the quarterback Steve Bono doing pen. his best Joe Montana imita-

and the team is likely to be over

spent the summer improving

his low-post moves and free-

throw shooting. A helicopter waited to take him to training

camp in Sheperdstown, West Virginia, where he would join

ring to Washington's current

executive vice president, and

the center who led the Bullets to

"Maybe I won't be that great of

a player, but I want to have that

kind of relationship with him.

mates for practice.

coach Jim Lynam and his team-

Montana retired after the 1994 season, threw an 18-yard pass to Derrick Walker to force the fifth overtime game of the weekend, another NFL record. "As much respect as I have for No. 19." said the Chiefs' center Tim Grunhard, referring to Montana, "I don't think he

Bono, an understudy to Montana in Kansas City and San

Francisco who took over when

The Chiefs (5-1) are tied with the Dallas Cowboys and the Oakland Raiders for the best record in the NFL. Last month, His punt return for a touch- they beat the Giants and Raiders in overtime in consecutive weeks.

The Chargers dropped to 3-3 after representing the American Football Conference in the Super Bowl last season. "We just didn't make the plays," said defensive end

"Last year we had that mag-

would make something hap-This year it's Bono and the Chiefs' defense. And that was the case in overtime when Neil

Smith twice sacked Gale Gilbert, who replaced the injured quarterback Stan Humphries just as the Chargers neared field-goal range.

After the second sack, Darren Bennett punted and Vanover, who could have made a fair catch, grabbed the ball at the 14, evaded three defenders and darted left around the

The rookie, who played in the Canadian Football League last year after leaving Florida State early, broke free at about the 35, evaded Bennett at the San Diego 40 and sailed into the end zone in an electrifying sprint for his second touch-

The other was a 90-yard kickoff return against Seattle. John Carney had kicked a 29-yard field goal with 1:12 left in regulation to give the Chargers a seemingly safe 23-16 lead af-"I want to retire here; I want ter Humphries, three minutes to be Mr. Pollin's second Wes earlier, had put San Diego Unseld," said Webber, referahead, 20-16, with a 4-yard touchdown pass to Shannon

Mitchell.

But Bono, who was 27 of 41 for 329 yards, drove the Chiefs 79 yards in eight plays in just 51 seconds with no timeouts, finding Walker from 18 yards out in the end zone to tie the score with 15 seconds left. (LAT, AP)

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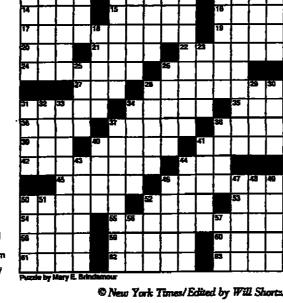
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Wonders Never Cease

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Oct. 1, Sunday: Exiting Holland Tunday: Exiting Holland Tun-nel into glorious October sun-Why can't NYC TV stations shine, run smack into news cope with at least two news stostory of "Will wonders never ries per day? Today it's Simpcease?" variety. A paving crew son's trial. Jury verdict ready. is working on Hudson Street! Climax of trial of the century tas Giuliani gone mad? Hudson Street hasn't been paved since Indians sold the town for peanuts. Always suspected Hudson Street was why they sold so cheap. All those horses busting their axles between the tunnel and Spring Street - the Indians probably said, "Let's sell and move to Jersey before we run out of horses."

Maneuvered car around, also deep down into worst patches without losing too many parts. A good thing too as I wouldn't have been able to shoot it in case of really bad damage. Because I'd left my gun back in Virginia, that's why. Not like Virginia here. Have to be special to tote saying, "Heads it's guilty." It gun up here. What a bonanza for came down tails. tow-truck business. Last time I had a car fatally damaged by Hudson Street had to pay tow-truck guys to shoot it for me. Hah hah. Just kidding.

Oct. 2, Monday: Some things to write about if you could figure out how to make them more interesting: Why do NYC cabs get smaller and smaller? Rode several that felt like motorized rickshas, except more cramped. Cab fare to almost everyplace in my New York world is always

change human nature: (1) Bod-ily wastes of pets, which once carpeted the sidewalks of New York, are almost never encountered underfoot anymore. (2) Subways are so improved that anybody who hadn't been back in 10 years might think he was in Moscow or Washington.

Irritants: (1) Boarding bus, dropping the geezer fare (60 cents) into the box, why do bus drivers never demand proof I'm malarkey again). Big-game atmosphere stoked by tube and tabs. Reminds me of lying forgotten in a Michigan hospital because every sawbones and nurse for miles around was hysterical about Michigan University football team playing Ohio State, or somebody. Deep sense here of people taking leave of senses and loving it.

Oct. 3, Tuesday: At office, Virginia asks me what verdict will be. Anybody's guess, say L Juries can be really nutry. Pressed to guess, I toss a coin,

Holding a friend's hand in a dental office at the Legal Moment of the Century. "Not guilty." Somebody (white) asks, "Don't you think it's ourrageous?" Lack the wit, wisdom or wise-guy instinct to re-ply. "The verdict or the whole dam circus of the century?" So give her the Old Courtroom Pro shrug, the old-guy-here's-seen-it-all look, and say, "Juries can be really nutty." Reminds me of covering a capital-punishment trial in Baltimore. Long ago. Down there defendants had a f. choice. Trial by jury, or by Two proofs that you can too judge. Guy named Ed Grammer's lawyer says just the judge, thanks. The judge be picks is known around the courthouse as "Hanging Herman" Grammer was hanged.

> Oct. 4, Wednesd . . . New York Times Service

Paul Auster and the Happy Vagaries of Chance

By Elaine Louie New York Times Service

TEW YORK — When Paul Auster creates his characters for novels and the screen, a chance meeting, a chance phone call often changes the course of a life. Just the sort of thing that happens to Paul Auster, too. Even hap-

pened to his dog.

A year ago, Auster and his young daughter,
Sophie, were walking through their neighborhood, Park Slope in Brooklyn, A woman was

For this author, 'Our lifelong certainties about the world can be demolished in a single second.'

standing with a skinny golden-yellow dog, its hair wiry, its manner fearful, its provenance motley. "Brooklyn terrier," the author thought. It wore a sign that said "Please adopt me

No longer. Auster sat on the terrace of his turn-of-the-century brownstone recently, his "rehabilitated beast," Jack, beside him.

"We are continually shaped by the forces of coincidence," he said. "Our lifelong certainties about the world can be demolished in a single second. People who don't like my work say that the connections seem too arbitrary. But that's how life is."

For those who do like his work, however, the dark uncharted world according to Auster is required reading. His characters, sometimes banal, often macabre but also capable of moments of exceptional tenderness, inhabit a world of fun-house distortion. Laughter can be mirthless, anxiety is commonplace, yet love is redemptive. There are beginnings, but not always happy endings. In "Mr. Vertigo," for example, the young narrator learns to fly, becomes wildly famous — and is suddenly grounded by puberty. Magic is leavened by reality; life by chance.

Auster, 48, lives in a house where nothing is left to fate. Each room, shared with his wife, the novelist Siri Hustvedt, is sparely and beau-tifully furnished. On the coffee table is a vase of white spice-scented lilies. A red dining table is so brilliantly lacquered that it is reflective.

Everything gleams — the golden oak floors and balustrades, the burnished cherry wood mantel. Propped casually are posters for the two

movies that have propelled Auster to a mass audience, the critically acclaimed "Smoke," for which he wrote the screenplay, and "Blue in the Face," which opens Friday in the United States and which he both wrote and co-directed.

This house is a reflection of Siri and her Scandinavian craving for order. "I, unfortunately for my sins, am impervious to my physical surroundings. Not that I don't enjoy it, but I'd be incapable of creating such a place."

The house is for the family - they have two children - but not for work. Each day, he walks to a studio, where he writes. "In my studio, it is unkempt and unartractive," he said. "Once I'm in my work, I don't notice where I am."

Auster, who writes six hours a day, five to seven days a week, has been at his craft for more than 25 years; he has come up with 11 books, including eight novels, a book of poetry, a collection of essays and a memoir. He has also translated six books, both poetry and prose, from French to English, and edited The Random House Book of Twentieth-Century French Poerry. Now he is in films. Pure chance, of course.

On Christmas Day 1990, the director Wayne Wang failed to get his daily delivery in San Francisco of The New York Times. He bought the last copy at a grocery store and read a story by Auster, "Auggie Wren's Christmas Story, that was on the Op-Ed page. He loved its portrait of a white cigar-store manager who pretends to be the grandson of a blind black woman on Christmas to make her happy. Wang asked his wife. "Who is Paul Auster?" Then he went in search of the answer. Five months later, Wang met Auster in the

writer's Park Slope studio. Last year, they made 'Smoke," followed immediately by "Blue in the Face." a warm-hearted valentine to Brooklyn, with many of the same characters but

mostly improvised dialogue.

Janet Maslin wrote in The New York Times: Since so much of what's appealing about 'Smoke' springs simply from character and setting, there's reason to look forward to a looser-limbed take on the same idea."

and Lily Tomlin. Next, Auster will write a moment, but he is not smug. In "The Art of screenplay of his novel "Mr. Vertigo," with the collaboration of the screenwriter Philip Haas, who in 1993 adapted Auster's novel "The Music of Chance" for the screen. Auster is also "So there I was, standing on the steps of my writing his ninth novel.

His work has been translated into 20 languages. The Times Literary Supplement calls year-old daughter in front of the house," he writing. In 1981, he went to a poetry to bim "one of America's most spectacularly insaid. She was stark naked, squatting over some met Hustvedt. Death. Money. Love.



"Blue in the Face," a movie Auster wrote and co-directed, opens this week.

Faulkner award.

As success has come to him, so, too, is it just beginning to come to his wife, 40, who is as blond as her husband is dark. Her first novel. The Blindfold," came out in 1992 and was well received. It was published in 14 different countries. Michiko Kakutani called it an "impressive and dexterous debut" in The New York Times.

She has nearly completed her second novel. With his belief that a single moment can "Blue in the Face," which also takes place in Auggie Wren's cigar store, stars Harvey Keitel, with cameos by Lou Reed, Roseanne, Madonna very much the man of the literary and film

> little shack, telling myself what a genius I was, when all of a sudden I looked up and saw my 2-

ventive writers." "Leviathan" won the 1993 stones and defecating. "So, rather than being Prix Medicis Etranger. "The Music of able to bask in my own brilliance. I had to clean Chance" was nominated for the 1991 PEN/ cloud, and I was very grateful to her for it.

He also stays grounded by that belief that anything can change the course of a life. In 1970, he discovered, by a strange coincidence. that his grandmother Anna Auster had murdered his grandfather Harry Auster. The two had fought about money and an affair he was having, and in 1919, she shot him in Kenosha. Wisconsin. She was later acquitted by reason of

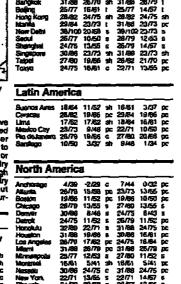
temporary emotional insanity.

His own life has been better documented. After he graduated from Columbia University, he sailed on an oil tanker, lived in France for four years, wrote and translated poetry, and in 1978. in desperate need of money, wrote a detective story that was published in 1982. In 1979, his life changed. His first marriage collapsed and his father, who seemed to be in perfect health one day, died the next, leaving him just enough of an inheritance to pay the rent and to get on with his writing. In 1981, he went to a poetry reading and

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WHEN the three surviving Beatles re-cently returned to a recording studio. things were more difficult than they had anticipated. Paul McCartney. George Harrison and Ringo Starr were so upset when they heard a tape of John Lennon, who was murdered 15 years ago, that they persuaded themselves he was alive so they could play the backup music. 'We just pretended that John had gone on holiday or out for tea and had left us the tape to play with," said Starr. The three ex-Beatles are about to release three double CDs using previously unheard material.

Richard Branson, 45, will write his autobiography - already? - while flying around the world in a balloon, his publisher said. Branson and balloon manufacturer Per Lindstrand became the first to cross the Atlantic and the Pacific by hot-air bal-loon in 1987 and 1991, "It will be a good way to gather his thoughts, go through research material and structure things, said his publisher. And get attention?

Woody Harrelson's departure from

PEOPLE



Curtis with daughter at premiere.

Martha's Vineyard wasn't anything to cheer about: He hit a cameraman who was photographing his family. The actor, who layed a bartender on "Cheers," scuffled with the photographer at the airport after

the wedding of his former co-star Ted Danson and actress Mary Steenburgen.

Jamie Lee Curtis was accompanied by

her eight-year-old daughter Annie at the

Los Angeles premiere of her new film "The Heidi Chronicles." Nothing to do with Fleiss, Curtis has repeatedly said. Elizabeth Taylor, 63, had surgery on

her replaced left hip to make her legs the same length and is expected to return home in the next several days. Taylor's legs had been different lengths after she had both hips replaced during the last two years.

Demi Moore wants another child. "A boy would be nice, and I like the idea of there being four kids so there is no middle child," the actress said. Moore and husband Bruce Willis have three girls. The oldest appears with her mother in the upcoming movie "Striptease." "I felt it was something that was really going to give her the opportunity to understand what I do.'



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